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RECORDS

OF

THE WOODMEN OF ARDEN

"Woodmen of Arden, by the noble Earl
Of Aylesford patronised, their long bows bend
In Arden forest, now near-skirted round
With rivulets, which at their meetings form
The Tame and Avon. Once the forest bounds
Stretched almost from the Severn to the Trent,
Well wooded, till the Dryads thence expelled
Tillage took place, and villages arose
Encroaching still upon the forest bounds."

—*Archery*. A Poem, 1793.

This South West Perspective View of the Bull-head Inn in Meriden
is humbly inscrib'd to the Right Honourable the Lord Guernsey
By his Lordship's most Dutiful Servant
George Downes

THE OLD BULL'S HEAD INN AT MERIDEN.

FROM AN ENGRAVING — 1752.

RECORDS

OF

THE WOODMEN OF ARDEN

FROM 1785

WITH

ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

AND OTHER NOTES

MAINLY COMPILED FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FOREST

CANNOCK CHASE MEETING
(*From an old print*)

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INTRODUCTION.

A DESIRE having been expressed by several members of the ancient Society of the Woodmen of the Forest of Arden that the celebration of the centenary of the revival of that distinguished meeting should be signalised by the production in a permanent shape of the transactions of the past hundred years, a committee was appointed for that purpose, and the present Editor was selected to compile the book under their direction. He has performed this labour of love to the best of his ability, and has to acknowledge with thanks the assistance he has received from the other members of the committee, especially the Rev. C. Coker Beck, from the Secretaries of the Affiliated Societies, from the Clerk of the Peace for the county of Warwick, and from many other gentlemen, without whose aid the volume would have been a more imperfect memorial of the interesting past than he fears it will even now be considered.

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RECORDS

RECORDS OF THE WOODMEN OF ARDEN.

DUGDALE in his History of Warwickshire observes that Warwickshire is divided by the river Avon, which enters the shire at the north-east and leaves it at the south-west, into the Woodland, and the Feldon or open country. The former of these divisions had the name of Arden, and was also termed the Forest, although it is questionable whether there ever existed a forest in the special sense in which we speak of the New Forest, Sherwood, or Windsor. Thus the boundaries of Arden at one time seem to have reached, if they did not include, Needwood, Charnwood, and Cannock Chase; while in later times they have been so far restricted by common usage that the commendable little history of the Forest of Arden, published in 1863, does not include the scene of the periodical meetings of the ancient Society who still perpetuate the name and the traditions of the Wardens of the Forest. This is strange when we read in Dugdale that Astley Church, still more to the north of the county, was called the "Lanthorn of Arden"—from its ancient steeple, destroyed in 1600, having been a famous landmark in the woodland, "where the ways are not easy to hit"—and when we view in the park at Packington ancient oaks whose

acorns may well have produced the timber of Nelson's or Duncan's wooden walls. At any rate local tradition, in such matters the best guide, identifies with the villages of Meriden and Packington the associations of archery which form so much of the romance of forest-life in England.

The butts which stood in the neighbourhood of every village, where the male population of the country were enjoined by law to assemble for practice in archery, have long since disappeared, but have left their name in various situations in Warwickshire as in other counties. That the Packington outwoods should have afforded a favourite exercise-ground for such a purpose is not surprising, when a fine of 6s. 8d. was imposed upon every shot at a stationary mark unless at the full distance of eleven score yards —except at rovers, where the mark was changed at every shot. It is clear that a considerable range was essential to the fulfilment of this injunction, and the mode in which the competition was held has been described with picturesque accuracy by an excellent English author, himself a Woodman of the Forest of Arden.[1] Gradually, as firearms superseded the bow, the old shooting-grounds fell into disuse, the turf was no longer "eaten bare by the arrows of archers" in the outskirts of our large towns, and country places took to other and less commendable sports at the wake or revel. Just at the conclusion of the last century, however, in the lull of prosperity and tranquil progress which the country experienced between the close of the American and the outbreak of the great French wars, a revival of archery took place, in which the midland counties bore an honourable rivalry with the metropolis and the ancient societies of the north.

On *Nov.* 15, 1785, at the Bull's Head, Meriden, was held the first meeting of the Woodmen of the Forest of Arden.

[1] Gresley's 'Forest of Arden.'

Present,—The Earl of Aylesford, Captain; Mr York, Lieutenant; Mr Lewis; Mr William Dilke; Mr Charles Dilke; Mr Digby, Secretary. At this meeting Messrs Moland and Bree were elected members of the Society, and it was adjourned to Wednesday, *Dec.* 14, at the same place, at three o'clock, for elections.

Meetings were held in 1786 on *Jan.* 13 (postponed in February on account of snow) and *April* 17, at which the newly formed Society *resolved* that the freedom of the grounds belonging to this Society be granted to the members of the Toxophilite Society in London.

On *June* 17, styled "Fence month"[1] in the minute-book, it was *resolved* that the Freedom of the Toxophilite Society in London, presented to the Earl of Aylesford, and by his lordship communicated to this Society, be deposited among the archives of this Society. *Resolved*, that the thanks of this Society be presented to the Earl of Aylesford for the targets which his lordship has had the goodness to present to this Society. *Resolved*, that the form of the diploma granting the freedom of the grounds belonging to this Society to the members of the Toxophilite Society in London is approved, and is hereby directed to be forthwith sent to Sir Ashton Lever, President; and that the secretary is hereby directed to accompany the same with a letter to Sir Ashton, cordially to invite him and all members of the Toxophilite Society to associate with us, and to partake of the privileges of our butts, &c.; and that the said diploma be enclosed in a box of heart of oak, the growth of the Forest, and be tied with a green riband; and *resolved*, that the Target of this day, which was obliged to be deferred on account of the weather, be shot to-morrow, the 18th day of fence month, if fair—if

[1] The fence month included the fifteen days before and the fifteen days after midsummer—during which period no man was to pass through the Forest, and swine were driven away lest they should devour the fawns.

not, on Friday next. Elections took place on July 17, July 21, and July 24.

On *Aug.* 18, 1786, it was *resolved unanimously* that the Earl of Aylesford be requested to accept the office of Perpetual Warden. Accepted on the part of Lord Aylesford. *Resolved unanimously,* that in future, whoever shall hit the gold first at the Grand Target shall be styled for the year ensuing Master Forester; whoever shall hit the gold second shall be styled for the year ensuing Senior Verdurer; and whoever shall hit the gold at any of the three General Targets of the Society shall be styled a Verdurer of the Forest for ever.

On *Aug.* 30 was held the great annual Wardmote, when certain rules and orders were passed, and subscribed by the Woodmen present. These were :—

I. That the members of the Society shall meet at the Bull's Head at Meriden, for shooting and other business of the Society, every Monday and Friday, from the Monday in Easter week to the last Friday in October, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon during the months of April, May, September, and October, and at five o'clock in the afternoon during the months of June, July, and August; and shall meet to dine together during the winter, on such days as shall be appointed at the October Target meeting.

II. That each member shall annually subscribe at the first Spring meeting one guinea, half of which shall be applied to the Targets and incidental expenses, and the remainder towards the expences of the winter dinners.

III. That none but members shall be permitted to shoot at any meeting of the Society, nor shall any member shoot but with arrows mark'd with such marks as shall be by him given to the Secretary on or before the first Spring meeting next ensuing, or at the time of his admission, nor unless dressed in his uniform, coat, hat, and belt.

IV. That the uniform of this Society shall consist of a green coat, white waistcoat, and breeches, with the Arden button, in which every member shall appear at the shooting of every Target, and at every meeting.

V. That any gentleman desireous of becoming a member of the Society shall be proposed at a regular meeting, and the election

shall be by Ballot at the next meeting, which shall consist of two-thirds of the Society, or of nine members; and, unless there shall be two black balls, such candidate shall be declared duly elected, whereupon he shall pay his admission fee of one guinea to the general fund, as well as his proportion of subscription for the current year, and shall furnish himself with a uniform, bow, arrows, and such other necessary articles for archery as are now used by the Society.

VI. That there shall be three Targets shot by the members of the Society annually. One on the Monday in Easter week; another on the last Monday in June; and the third (which shall be call'd the annual Target) on the last Friday of August.

VII. That if two shooters shall happen to be in the gold at the same end, the nearest to the centre shall be deemed the Captain; and in like manner shall the Lieutenant's prizes be determined.

VIII. That all disputes shall be determined by the Warden and Master Forester and Secretary; but if either of them shall happen to be absent, or interested in the dispute, it shall be determined (in his or their stead) by one or more of the members who shoot next in order by ballot.

IX. That besides these general rules, the Bylaws which shall hereafter be made by the Society shall likewise be observ'd as part of these orders.

X. That no alteration in or abrogation of these rules shall take place, or new ones be made, save and except at the General Targets, until such alteration, abrogation, or new law shall have been proposed and seconded at one regular meeting, and stuck up in the Room belonging to the Society, and approv'd of by three-fourths of the members of the Society present at a subsequent meeting.

XI. The following order of Precedency shall be observ'd at all Wardmotes and Targets: The Warden, the Master Forester, the Secretary, the Senior Verdurer, the Verdurers in order as they obtain that dignity.

XII. That a Wardmote shall consist of nine Woodmen, of whom the Warden, Master Forester, Secretary, or Senior Verdurer shall be one, or, in their absence, at least two Verdurers of the Forest shall be present. And that no business respecting the Forest be transacted except at such Wardmote. But that each of the days of the General Targets be considered as a general Wardmote, in which any business relating to the Forest may be propos'd and ballotted for without previous notice. Repealed.

Signed by 44 Woodmen.

At a meeting on *Nov.* 6, 1786, it was *ordered* that a Committee be appointed, and empowered to contract for a proper and convenient spot for a Shooting-ground, and for erecting Butts thereon, and other conveniences, for the use of the Society; and that the Warden, the Secretary, and Mr Moland be of the said Committee, the determination of the majority of whom to be final.[1] *Order'd*, that the Freedom of this Society be presented to the Royal Company of Archers in Scotland.

At a Wardmote held on *Friday, April* 20, 1787, it was *ordered* that no member be called upon to subscribe during his absence from the kingdom in his Majesty's service. Prizes at the Targets—Outer White, 1s.; Black, 1s. 6d.; Inner White, &c., 2s. Captain and Lieutenant's prizes according to the state of the fund.

At a Wardmote on *Thursday, Aug.* 10, 1787, it was *ordered* that the Bugle-horn presented to this Society by the Warden of the Forest be thankfully accepted by the Woodmen; and that the Rules transmitted therewith be adopted by this Society, and enter'd amongst the Bye-Laws of the Forest. That the Secretary be requested to transmit to the Warden of the Forest the most cordial acknowledgements of this Society for the very flattering mark of his attention in presenting them with the Bugle-horn, to be shot for annually according to the Rules this day incorporated into the Bye-Laws of this Society.

BYE-LAWS.

Rules to be Observed in Shooting for the Bugle-horn of Arden.

1. That none be admitted to shoot for the Bugle-horn but Woodmen of the Forest, having their names and marks entered on the Forest Roll.

[1] *N.B.*—The Butts thus erected continued in use until 1853. For the mode of their construction, &c., see Appendix.

2. That the Bugle-horn be shot for on some day in the months of July and August, to be fixed at the Target in June.

3. That the Bugle shall be won by him who gains three successive shots; but as it may happen none of the Archers may gain three successive shots, it is declared that he who shall have gained the most shots (provided it is before settled how many ends shall be shot, or at what hour it shall be concluded) shall win the Bugle. If any two or more Archers in that case shall have gained equal shots, they shall shoot one end by themselves, and he that has the best shot shall be the winner.

4. That the winner of the Bugle-horn shall wear the same at all Targets of the Forest, and wherever he pleases within the Forest; and shall keep it till the Target in June of the next year, after which he shall deliver it to the Secretary of the Forest, with his badge annexed to it.

5. That the winner of the Bugle-horn shall enact himself, in a book to be kept for the purpose, to return the same to the Secretary of the Forest, with his badge affixed thereto.

6. That the Bugle-horn shall not be shot for unless by a Wardmote, and that Wardmote shall have power to adjourn the shooting in case of bad weather only.

7. That a Book of record be kept of the days when the Bugle is gain'd, and by whom, and of the names of the Woodmen who shot for it, and of the Badge affixed thereto.

8. That the Bugle shall not be shot for at a shorter distance than 9 score yards, nor a greater than 12 score yards—the distance for the next shooting to be determined at the June Target by lot, the manner of casting the lot to be in this manner: Seven lots to be made at the distances from 9 to 12 score inclusive, each lot to increase from 9 score by half a score; the Senior Officer present shall draw one of these lots, which shall be the distance at which it shall be shot.

At the great annual Wardmote held on Meriden Heath on *Friday, Aug.* 31, 1787, *order'd* that the Secretary be requested to return the thanks of this Society to the Kentish Bowmen for the freedom of their Society presented to us. That the freedom of this Society be presented to the Kentish Bowmen.

On *Oct.* 22, 1787, Mr Digby, the Secretary, enters in his

private Diary—"Staked out ye new hall for Woodmen." It was completed in 1788, from the design of Signor Bonomi, an Italian architect, and its internal effect is extremely pleasing. In the coved ceiling the word **Arden,** transfixed by an arrow, as on the seal and medals of the Society, is surrounded by a wreath of oak-leaves in relief. The dimensions of the room, which is oblong with the corners cut off, are 39 feet by 24 feet 6 inches. The corners thus afford accommodation to the Secretary's office, the dressing-rooms, and the kitchen. Round the hall are ranged the Aschams of the Woodmen, each bearing its owner's mark on the Forest Roll.[1]

On *Jan.* 19, 1788, *order'd* that the latter part of the 14th (xiith) rule (from the words, "But that each of the days," to the end) be repeal'd, and that no business respecting the Forest be transacted at any of the General Targets or the day of shooting for the Bugle. That an anniversary meeting be held in the Forest on the 15th day of November (unless it shall fall on a Sunday, and in that case on the day following), in commemoration of the day on which, after a long interval, a Wardmote was first held by the Woodmen of the Antient Forest of Arden. That such Woodmen as shall be in London on Tuesday the 13th of May, shall dine together at the Thatch'd House in St James's Street at five o'clock, and that the Woodmen who mean to attend be desir'd to send their names to the bar of the said Tavern the day before.

On *June* 27, it was *resolved* at a Wardmote that the number of the Woodmen of Arden be limited to 75.

On *Aug.* 15, in the same year, the Warden presented to the Society the diploma from the Royal Company of Archers of Scotland.

On the 22*d* of the same month the Bugle-horn was shot for at 10 score yards by 13 Woodmen, and won by the

[1] See Appendix—Forest Hall.

[*From an old Print.*

Hertfordshire Society of Archers.

Duchess of Leeds. *Marchioness of Salisbury.* *Honble. Miss Grimstone.* *Miss Seabright.*

Diploma.

"Riband, garter blue, with white border at each end. Suspended from it a gold crescent, bugle, and shaft.

(*Signed*)
AYLESFORD,
Warden.

In a wreath of oak.

AR

A shaft on a gold ground.

DEN

Red riband, with black border at each end.

(*Signed*)
JOHN DILKE,
Master Forester.

FUGITUR IN JUSSO NOSTRA SAGITTA LOCO.

Striped riband, of pale violet blue.

WRIOTHESLEY DIGBY, *Secretary.*

TO THE MOST NOBLE THE MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY,
PATRONESS;
AND ALL OTHER THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE
HERTFORDSHIRE ARCHERS,
THE WOODMEN OF THE ANCIENT FOREST OF ARDEN
SEND GREETING:

BE IT KNOWN that in token of the great love we bear to the Patroness and Members of the said Society, We have given and granted, and by these presents Do give and grant, to each and every of them, the free Use of all our Butts, Targets, and Marks now erected, or hereafter to be erected, within the Bounds, Purlieus, Privileges, and Assorts of the FOREST OF ARDEN, the property of the Woodmen of the said Forest.

"In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Common Seal this sixteenth day of November MDCCLXXXIX.

(*Seal*) "ARDEN."

—*From Hansard's 'Book of Archery.'*

Warden, gaining 7 shots in 15 ends; and on the 10*th Oct.*, the Silver Arrow given by the Countess of Aylesford was shot for at 9 score yards, and in 3 ends won by Mr W. Dilke (26 Woodmen were present, but the number who shot for it is not recorded). *Resolved*, that the Secretary do return the thanks of the Woodmen of Arden to Lady Aylesford for having done them the honour to present them with the Silver Arrow. That the Silver Arrow be shot for annually, according to the rules of shooting for the Bugle, except that the distance be always 9 score.

At the anniversary Wardmote on *Nov.* 15, 1788, it was *resolved* that in some conspicuous part of the Hall there shall be a regular table kept of all Woodmen who shall have gained any of the offices in the Forest, or any of the prizes. That the Secretary do return the thanks of the Woodmen to the Royal Archers of Scotland for their friendly invitation to shoot for all their prizes.

In 1789, at a Wardmote on the 23*d March*, it was *resolved* that the first meeting for the ensuing season (after the Easter Target) be on Monday the 27th April, and that the meetings be held every other Monday till the 1st June, every Monday during the months of June, July, and August, and every other Monday during the months of September and October.

On *April* 17, *resolved*, that the Woodmen who shall be in town on Monday the 11th May, dine together at five o'clock, at Le Tellier's, Dover Street (a similar resolution was annually passed until 1797). *Resolved*, that those Woodmen who shall be so fortunate as to be in the Forest, dine together on that day at Meriden.

On *Monday, Aug.* 3, it was *resolved* to grant the freedom of the Forest to the Society meeting at Lord Ducie's in Gloucestershire. To grant the freedom of the Forest to the Hertfordshire Society, meeting at Lord Salisbury's. *Resolved*, that the winner of the Bugle-horn of Arden and

of the Silver Arrow shall be entitled to add the same to his mark on the Forest Roll.

On *Monday, Aug.* 24, the Bugle-horn was shot for at 12 score yards by 10 Woodmen, and won by the Warden in 3 successive shots (on this occasion four of the Royal Kentish Bowmen were present, one of whom was the Rev. James Dodd, author of 'Ballads of Archery'). See Appendix.

On *Monday, Aug.* 31, 20 Woodmen shot for the Arrow, which was won by the Warden, gaining most shots in 15 ends. *Resolved*, that whoever shall have hit the gold at any of the three General Targets, won the Bugle-horn or Silver Arrow, or put an arrow into the clout in shooting for either of them, shall be stiled a Verdurer of the Forest for ever.

On *Monday, April* 19, 1790, the thanks of the Society were voted to the Countess of Aylesford for a present of table linen spun in the Forest of Arden.

At a Wardmote held *June* 28, 1790, being the second Target, *resolved*, that the thanks of this Society be given to Stephen Sullivan, Esq., for his present of Indian bows and arrows. Also to Mr Croxall, Verdurer of the Forest, for his present of a bow formerly belonging to the King of Zola. The Secretary reported that at the annual meeting of the several Societies of Archers in Great Britain on Blackheath, the 21st May last, there were present, and shot at the target belonging to the Woodmen of Arden, C. E. Repington, V.; W. Palmer, V.; T. Fetherston, V.; R. Gresley, V.; E. Finch, V.; C. Dilke, V.; T. Palmer, V.; and that of the four prizes shot for, the first was gained by Mr W. Palmer, the second by Mr T. Palmer, and the fourth by Mr E. Finch, who was appointed Steward for the Woodmen of Arden for next year. (See Appendix—Blackheath Meetings.)

On *Aug.* 20 the Silver Arrow was won by the Warden

by 6 shots in 15 ends (24 Woodmen were present; the number who competed is not stated). The Secretary reported that he had, in obedience to the directions of the Society, purchased a silver cup of the price of £24, and presented the same to Mr Wedge in the name of the Woodmen of Arden, and that he was desired by him to return his most grateful acknowledgments for the honour conferred upon him.

On *Aug.* 23 the Bugle was shot for at 10 score yards, and won by W. Palmer by 3 shots in 11 ends. 19 competed.

On *Sept.* 20 it was *resolved* that the freedom of this Society be given to the Broughton Society, and to the Lancashire Bowmen, and also to the Royal Southampton Archers. That the meeting of the Societies of Broughton, the Lancashire Bowmen, and the Woodmen of Arden, in a convenient place in Staffordshire in the month of July 1791, be approved. (See Appendix—Cannock Meetings.) That the appointment of Asheton Curzon, Esq., to be president of the meeting, is approved, and that the thanks of the Woodmen of Arden be conveyed to him for his acceptance of the office. That the Woodmen who are willing to be present do pay one guinea forthwith to the Secretary to be transmitted to Asheton Curzon, Esq., towards the expences of Butts, &c. That no person be allow'd to shoot at the Butts except those who have so subscribed.

On *Nov.* 15 it was *resolved* that the Secretary be directed to defray the expences incurred by this Society at the general meeting of Archers on Blackheath in May last. That the Steward for the Woodmen of Arden for the time being be desired to provide targets and all other proper accommodations for the Society at the general meetings aforesaid, and that the Secretary do defray all expences attending the same.

On *June* 27, 1791, the Secretary reported that at the grand annual meeting of the Archers of Great Britain at Blackheath, Friday, May 27, there were present and shot, of the Woodmen of Arden, the Warden, the Senior Verdurer (W. Little), E. Finch, W. Palmer, T. Palmer, C. E. Repington, R. Gresley, T. Fetherston, F. Philips; and that the first prize was won by W. Palmer, and the second by the Warden; and that W. Palmer was appointed Steward for the Woodmen of Arden for the next year.

On *Monday, Aug.* 29, the Arrow was won by W. Palmer, gaining 3 shots in 7 ends. 32 Woodmen present.

On *Monday, Sept.* 5, the Bugle was won at 10 score by the Warden, gaining 3 shots in 11 ends. 22 Woodmen present.

On *June* 26, 1792 (by adjournment from the 25th, being the day of the meeting at Warwick for the county address on the proclamation—*i.e.*, of war with France), it was *resolved* that the Secretary be desired to procure a small Gold Bugle and Arrow, as prizes for the ladies on the days of shooting for the Bugle and Arrow of the Forest of Arden.

On *Monday July* 16, *resolved*, that the Secretary be desired to return the thanks of this Society to Walter Ewer, Esq., for a present of Indian bows and arrows. *N.B.*—At the annual general meeting of Archers at Blackheath on the 26th May last, W. Stanton won the third medal as Captain of the Target. The Warden of the Forest was appointed Steward for the Woodmen of Arden for next year.

On *Monday, July* 30, the following amendment of the Rules was adopted: That on the day of balloting, the list of candidates to be balloted for shall be read over, and that each Woodman present shall put into a hat a list of as many candidates as there are vacancies, and whoever has

BUST OF HENEAGE, FOURTH EARL OF AYLESFORD.

(Now in Forest Hall, Meriden.)

[This Bust is traditionally reputed to be the work of Flaxman; but is more probably that of Thomas Banks, whose name is recorded in connection with it in the private diary of the first Secretary.]

the majority in the said lists shall be first balloted for, and so on.

On *Monday, Aug.* 27, the Arrow was won by the Warden, with 3 shots in 11 ends. 33 Woodmen present.

On *Wednesday, Aug.* 29, the Bugle was won at 11 score by T. Palmer, gaining 3 shots in 10 ends. 35 Woodmen present, 9 competed.

On *Monday, Aug.* 26, 1793, the Arrow was won by R. Gresley with 2 shots in 7 ends. 27 Woodmen present, 20 competed.

On *Wednesday, Aug.* 28, the Bugle was won at 9 score by John Dilke with 3 shots in 9 ends. 31 Woodmen present. Thomas Palmer, V., presented a marble bust of the Warden to the Woodmen of Arden, on condition that if the Society shall ever happen to be dissolved, the property of it shall revert to him or his representatives. *Resolved*, that the thanks of this Society be given to T. Palmer, V., for his valuable present.[1]

Monday, Aug. 25, 1794.—The Arrow was won by J. Dilke: he and T. Palmer having gain'd each 2 shots in 7 ends, shot one end for it, which was won by J. Dilke. 26 Woodmen present. Miss Moland obtained the Gold Arrow.[2]

On *Wednesday, Aug.* 27, T. Fetherston won the Bugle at 9½ score. 35 Woodmen present. Miss Mordaunt obtained the Gold Bugle.

On *Monday, Aug.* 24, 1795, the Arrow was won by J. Dilke, gaining the most shots in 11 ends. 27 Woodmen present. Miss Croxall obtained the Gold Arrow.

On *Wednesday, Aug.* 26, at 12 score, the Warden won the Bugle by 3 successive shots. 39 Woodmen present, 5 competed. Miss Boultbee obtained the Gold Bugle.

[1] See Appendix—Forest Hall.

[2] Hansard's 'Book of Archery,' from which the names of ladies obtaining prizes are supplied, previous to 1810, when the Society's book first records them.

1796, *1st April.*—"The meeting of the Cannock Rangers is put off till next year."

Monday, Aug. 17.—The Bugle was won at 11 score by T. Fetherston, by 5 shots in 14 ends. 23 Woodmen present, 6 competed.

Wednesday, Aug. 19.—The Arrow was won by J. Dilke, by 5 shots in 11 ends. 32 Woodmen present, 10 competed.

1797, *Monday, Aug.* 20.—The Arrow was won by R. Gresley, by 4 shots in 11 ends. 17 Woodmen present, 7 competed. The Hon. Miss Somerville obtained the Gold Arrow.

Wednesday, Aug. 30.—At 10 score Henry Grimes won the Bugle by 3 shots in 11 ends, and a tie with W. Holbech, jun. 26 Woodmen present, 8 competed. Miss Bree obtained the Gold Bugle.

1798.—*On Wednesday, Aug.* 22, the Arrow was won by G. Beresford, by gaining 3 successive ends. 19 Woodmen present. Miss Mordaunt obtained the Gold Arrow.

Thursday, Aug. 23.—John Dilke won the Bugle at 10 score by 4 shots in 11 ends. 27 Woodmen present, 7 competed. Mrs Col. Pack obtained the Gold Bugle.

In 1799 the Master Forester and Senior Verdurer's medals are for the first time shot for on the Monday previous to the contests for the Arrow and Bugle, which seem now to be fixed for Wednesday and Friday respectively. The dinner in London is not renewed after this date.

Wednesday, Aug. 21.—G. Beresford won the Bugle at 12 score by 5 shots in 10 ends. 25 Woodmen present, 7 competed. Miss Beresford obtained the Gold Bugle.

Friday, Aug. 23.—The Arrow was won by T. Palmer, by 4 shots in 9 ends. 20 Woodmen present, 7 competed. Miss Digby obtained the Gold Arrow.

1800, *June* 30.—A letter was read from Lord Curzon, "Mayor of the United Societies meeting on Cannock

Chase," proposing that the balance of £63 remaining in his hands should be given to the Birmingham, Stafford, and Manchester Infirmaries: the same was unanimously approved.

Wednesday, Aug. 27.—The Arrow won by John Dilke. 22 Woodmen present. Miss Ayre obtained the Gold Arrow.

Friday, Aug. 29.—The Bugle won at 10½ score by T. Fetherston, gaining 4 shots in 2 ends. 26 Woodmen present, 6 competed. Miss C. Mordaunt obtained the Gold Bugle.

1801, *Wednesday, Aug.* 26.—The Arrow won by T. Fetherston, by 3 shots in 11 ends. 21 Woodmen present, 9 competed. Miss Bree obtained the Gold Arrow.

Friday, Aug. 28.—T. Palmer won the Bugle at 10½ score in 3 successive shots. 22 Woodmen present. Mrs Carter received the Gold Bugle.

1802, *Wednesday, Aug.* 25.—W. Palmer won the Arrow by 4 shots in 13 ends. 30 Woodmen present, 11 competed. Miss Hartopp received the Gold Arrow.

Friday, Aug. 27.—John Dilke won the Bugle by 3 shots in 13 ends at 9 score. 30 Woodmen present. Miss Mordaunt received the Gold Bugle. *Resolved*, that the Spring Target be discontinued.

1803, *Aug.* 24.—The Warden won the Arrow with 5 shots in 10 ends. 15 competed.

Aug. 26.—W. Palmer won the Bugle with 3 shots in 11 ends at 9 score. 13 competed.

1804, *Aug.* 22.—T. Fetherston won the Arrow by 5 shots in 11 ends. 13 competed. Mrs H. Grimes received the Gold Arrow.

Aug. 24.—John Dilke won the Bugle at 10 score with 4 shots in 11 ends. 10 competed. Miss Moland received the Gold Bugle.

1805, *Aug.* 28.—Thos. Palmer won the Arrow with 4 shots in 11 ends. 11 competed.

Aug. 30.—T. Fetherston won the Bugle at 12 score by 3 successive shots. 11 competed. Miss More received the Gold Bugle.

1806, *Aug.* 27.—T. Palmer won the Arrow; he and Lord Guernsey each gained 5 shots in 11 ends, and shot the 12th together. 9 competed. Miss Sharpe obtained the Gold Arrow.

Aug. 29.—John Dilke won the Bugle at 10½ score by 5 shots in 11 ends. Miss Boultbee obtained the Gold Bugle. 27 Woodmen present.

1807, *Aug.* 19.—J. Hudson won the Arrow by 5 shots in 13 ends. 30 Woodmen present. Miss Boultbee obtained the Gold Arrow.

Aug. 21.—John Dilke won the Bugle at 9 score by 4 shots in 13 ends. 26 Woodmen present. Miss C. Grimes obtained the Gold Bugle.

1808, *Aug.* 24.—W. Palmer won the Arrow, after a tie with C. Dilke, each gaining 3 shots in 13 ends. 10 competed.

Aug. 26.—Sir Gray Skipwith won the Bugle, after a tie with Joseph Boultbee, each gaining 3 shots in 13 ends at 10 score. 10 competed.

1809, *Aug.* 25.—T. Cattell won the Arrow with 3 shots in 13 ends. 11 competed.

Aug. 25.—Robert Willoughby won the Bugle, after a tie with Lord Guernsey, E. Finch, T. Cattell, and H. Verney, each having gained 2 shots in 13 ends at 10 score. 12 competed.

1810, *July* 16.—A silver cup was presented to Mr Harris by the Secretary in the name of the Woodmen, with their thanks for his attendance at the Targets.

Aug. 15.—Lord Guernsey won the Arrow with 4 shots in 13 ends. 10 competed. Miss Bourgeois had the ladies' prize.

Aug. 17.—H. Verney won the Bugle at 9½ score by 3

shots in 13 ends. 12 competed. Miss Greenway had the ladies' prize.

1811, *Aug.* 28.—Egerton Bagot won the Arrow with 3 shots in 13 ends. 16 competed. Miss Greenway had the ladies' prize.

Aug. 30.—William Palmer won the Bugle at 9 score with 4 shots in 11 ends. Miss Mary Bagot had the ladies' prize.

1812, *Aug.* 19.—Robert Willoughby won the Arrow, after a tie with Thomas Lane Freer, gaining each 2 shots in 9 ends. 20 competed. Miss Ludford had the ladies' prize.

Aug. 21.—John Hudson won the Bugle at 11 score by 5 shots in 7 ends. 10 competed. Miss Birch had the ladies' prize.

1813, *July* 19.—Heneage, Earl of Aylesford, was unanimously elected Lord Warden of the Forest of Arden, in the room of his father deceased.

Aug. 23.—*Resolved*, that the Anniversary be adjourned to Wednesday the 5th January next. Dinner at the Bull's Head at 5 o'clock, and a Ball for the ladies in the evening. That the Woodmen who attend shall give in their names to the Secretary, and pay £1 for the dinner and 5s. to the Ball, and shall give an account to the Secretary of the number of their friends who mean to honour the Ball with their company, and pay 5s. for each. The deficiency to be made up from the stock purse.

Aug. 25.—R. Willoughby won the Arrow with 2 shots in 9 ends. 15 competed. Miss Wray won the ladies' prize.

Aug. 27.—C. Palmer won the Bugle at 11 score by 4 shots in 9 ends. 15 competed. Miss C. Boultbee won the ladies' prize.

1814, *Aug.* 22.—*Resolved*, that the 2d Target be held on the last Monday in July. That a ball and supper be given to the ladies on Wednesday the 28th December. Wood-

men to subscribe £1 each, other tickets 10s. each. (A similar resolution passed in 1815.)

Aug. 24.—J. E. Wilmot won the Arrow with 3 shots in 11 ends. 14 competed. The ladies' prize won by Miss C. Gregory.

Aug. 26.—The Warden won the Bugle with 7 shots in 9 ends at 11½ score. The ladies' prize won by Miss Carter. 33 Woodmen present.

1815, *July* 24.—*Resolved*, that the number of Woodmen be increased to 80.

Aug. 16.—C. Palmer won the Arrow with 3 shots in 7 ends. Miss Boultbee won the ladies' prize. 30 Woodmen present.

Aug. 18.—C. Palmer won the Bugle, after a tie with the Warden, R. Willoughby, and Thomas Lane Freer, each of whom gained 2 shots at 9 ends at 9½ score. Miss Phillimore took the ladies' prize. 36 Woodmen present.

1816, *Aug.* 28.—The Warden won the Arrow with 3 successive shots. Miss Knightley won the ladies' prize. 36 Woodmen present.

Aug. 30.—The Warden won the Bugle at 11½ score with 3 successive shots. Mrs W. Tongue had the ladies' prize. 36 Woodmen present.

1817, *Aug.* 25.—A letter was read from Mr Jervis desiring the Society's acceptance of two medals from Mr Roberts and himself, Toxophilites, as an acknowledgment for civilities received; and the medals being produced by the Secretary, it was order'd that they be presented to the Captain and Lieutenant of Numbers at this Target, to be worn by them at all Targets and Meetings of this Society, and that the Secretary be desired to present the thanks of the Society to Mr Roberts and Mr Jervis. The gold medal was accordingly presented to the Warden as Captain of Numbers, and the silver one to T. C. Adams, as Lieutenant.

Aug. 27.—The Warden won the Arrow in a 14th end

with the Master Forester, D. Finch, the Senior Verdurer, C. Palmer, H. Legge, and J. Beck. 15 competed. Miss Gregory won the ladies' prize.

Aug. 29.—The Warden won the Bugle at 10 score with 3 shots in 9 ends. 13 competed. Miss Margaret Sheffield drew the ladies' prize.

1818, *June* 29.[1]—The Secretary presented two medals to his brother Woodmen as prizes for the best Archers of the year. The gold one to be worn for the ensuing year by the Woodman who shall gain the greatest number of prizes at the Grand Target, and the silver one by the Woodman who shall gain the next greatest number. *Resolved*, that the same be accepted with thanks, and that the winners of the medals shall in future take rank for the year ensuing next to the Senior Verdurer.

Aug. 3.—A Bow having been presented to the Society by Mr Roberts, Toxophilite, to be shot for at 12 score, *resolved* that the thanks of the Woodmen of Arden be returned to Mr Roberts by the Secretary, and that the following rules be observed in shooting for it: The Bow (named Poictiers) to be shot for at 12 score on Wednesday the 12th August, after the Silver Arrow, and to be won by the person who counts the greatest number of arrows in 5 ends, but is to be forfeited if the winner does not shoot with the Prize Bow one arrow out of four (two at each end) over the 12 score clout; and if forfeited, the Bow to be reserved till next year, and then to be shot for under the same regulations. On the 12th of August 1818 the Bow was shot for

[1] "*June* 5, 1818.—Lady Patroness's Target, Highbury. *Present*, Messrs Roberts, Jervis, Shepheard, Crunden, Finch, Barker, C. Arnold. Woodmen of Arden: Lord Aylesford, Messrs Palmer, Hudson, Legge, Adams, Shirley. Memorandum of Shooting: Roberts, 27; Jervis, 23; Shepheard, 12; Crunden, 14; C. Arnold, 11; Barker, 10; Aylesford, 16; Palmer, 16; Hudson, 13; Legge, 7; Adams, 25; Shirley, 1; Finch, 23—48 ends. Barker, Captain of Target; Crunden, Lieutenant ditto; Roberts (27), Captain of Numbers. This day's shooting was a match between the Woodmen of Arden and the Toxophilites; the Arden gained by 4 arrows."—*From Records of Toxophilite Society.*

at 12 score, and won by the Hon. and Rev. E. Finch at a 6th end with his brother D. Finch. The winner afterwards shot over the 12 score clout at the first shot with the Prize Bow, and carried it off.

Aug. 10.—*Resolved*, that a ball be given to the ladies on the 11th of December, on the same terms as last year.

Aug. 12.—The Warden won the Arrow by 3 shots in 9 ends. Mrs Payne won the ladies' prize. 32 Woodmen present.

Aug. 14.—The Warden won the Bugle at 10 score by 3 successive shots. Miss Bradish had the ladies' prize. 37 Woodmen present. The Grand Target was continued till this evening, when the Secretary's Gold Medal was won by the Warden, having gained the greatest number of prizes. He and Thos. Coker Adams having gained 33 prizes each on the Target, shot ten ends together afterwards, in which the Warden gained five prizes and Thos. Coker Adams four. The Silver Medal was won by T. Coker Adams.

1819, *June* 28.—A silver cup was presented by the Secretary to Mr Wedge, in the name of the Woodmen, as an acknowledgment of his services at the Target, &c.

Aug. 25.—The Arrow was won by J. Beck; the ladies' prize by Miss Buller. 24 Woodmen present.

Aug. 27.—The Bugle, at 10 score, won by John Hudson; the ladies' prize by Miss Freer. 30 Woodmen present.

1820, *Aug.* 23.—The Arrow was won by John Clavering; the ladies' prize by Miss Harding. 31 Woodmen present.

Aug. 25.—The Bugle, at 10 score, won by C. Palmer; the ladies' prize by Miss Harding. 35 Woodmen present.

1821, *Aug.* 15.—The Arrow won by W. Gresley; the ladies' prize by Miss Barnard. 27 Woodmen present.

Aug. 17.—The Bugle won at 11 score by Sir F. Shuckburgh. Miss Arundel had the ladies' prize. 38 Woodmen present.

1822, *Aug.* 28.—The Arrow was won by T. C. Adams; the ladies' prize by Miss Skipwith. 34 Woodmen present.

Aug. 30.—The Bugle was won at 12 score by Sir F. Shuckburgh; the ladies' prize by Miss Steward. 31 Woodmen present.

1823, *Aug.* 20.—The Arrow was won by Sir F. Shuckburgh; the ladies' prize by Lady Emily Fielding. 22 Woodmen present. Sir F. Shuckburgh presented a silver medal to be worn by the winner of the Bugle, and the Rev. T. C. Adams also presented a silver medal to be worn by the winner of the Arrow. The Warden presented a silver cup for the best shot on this day, which was won by Charles Palmer.

Aug. 22.—The Bugle was won by the Warden at $10\frac{1}{2}$ score; the ladies' prize by Miss Crawford. 29 Woodmen present. The Warden presented a silver cup for the best shot on this day, which was won by Hervey Wilmot Sitwell.

1824, *Aug.* 11.—The Arrow won by C. Palmer; the ladies' prize by Miss Laura Steward. 27 Woodmen present. Lady Aylesford's prize for the arrow nearest the centre was won by J. Clavering.

Aug. 13.—The Bugle won by R. Boultbee at $11\frac{1}{2}$ score; the ladies' prize by Miss H. Skipwith. 34 Woodmen present. Lady Aylesford's prize won by D. Finch, by the arrow nearest the centre.

1825, *Aug.* 24.—The Arrow won by W. Bagot in 3 successive shots; the ladies' prize by Miss Hood. 30 Woodmen present.

Aug. 26.—The Bugle won by W. Gresley at 11 score, gaining 3 successive ends; the ladies' prize by Miss Adams. 23 Woodmen present.

1826, *June* 26.—*Resolved*, that the Society have received with the deepest regret the resignation of their Secretary, Wriothesley Digby, Esq., and they beg him to

accept their warmest thanks for those kind and extensive services which he has so long and so assiduously performed. The Rev. Thomas Coker Adams was unanimously appointed Secretary.

Aug. 23.—From the unfavourable state of the weather, the contest for the Arrow was deferred until Friday, Aug. 25th.

Aug. 25.—The Arrow won by the Warden, 2 ends in 8. 14 competed. Lady H. Scott had the ladies' prize.

The Bugle was won at 11 score by the Warden by 6 arrows in 7 ends. 13 competed. Mrs Tyler won the ladies' prize.

1827, *Aug.* 22.—The Arrow was won in a sweepstakes by R. Gresley, by 3 ends in 12. 16 shot for the Arrow, 5 shot in the sweepstakes. The ladies' prize was won by Miss Spooner.

Aug. 24.—The Bugle was won at 9½ score by C. Finch with 3 successive ends. 18 competed. Miss Maule won the ladies' prize.

1828, *June* 30.—A committee was appointed to consider whether additional accommodation cannot be given to the ladies who honour the Society by their attendance at the Grand Target.

Aug. 27.—The Arrow won by William Lillingston, by 3 ends in 11. 16 shot. Mrs Bernard Granville won the ladies' prize.

Aug. 29.—The Bugle won at 12 score by D. Finch, by 4 ends in 9. 12 shot. Miss Willis won the ladies' prize. The Hon. D. Finch gave a Silver Bugle to be shot for by such members as should be Master Forester, Senior Verdurer, Lieutenant of ye Target, Winner of the Arrow or Bugle, Captain or Lieutenant of Numbers apparent, or who should have hit the gold or a clout in the course of the Target, and to be won by the greatest number of hits on

the target on Friday evening. The Bugle was accordingly shot for by

William Lillingston, M.F. and S.V. and Captain of Numbers apparent, and winner of the Arrow and 2 golds;

Rev. C. Palmer, Lieutenant of Target, Lieutenant of Numbers apparent, and 4 golds;

Henry Cad. Adams, Lieutenant of Numbers apparent, and 3 golds;

Richard Gresley, Lieutenant of Numbers apparent;

Rev. W. H. Burroughs, 1 gold;

Sir John Mordaunt, 2 golds;

Hon. Daniel Finch, winner of the Bugle and 1 clout;

and was won by Richard Gresley,[1] in a sweepstakes with Rev. Charles Palmer, each of whom had 9 hits.

1829, *July* 27.—*Resolved*, that the space of ground between the two butts nearest to the Hall should be appropriated to a target for the ladies at 60 yards, and that prizes should be given to them on the Wednesday and Friday evenings of the Grand Target week. Two prizes to be given in each evening—one for the best gold, and the other for the greatest number of hits.

Aug. 5.—Egerton Bagot won the Arrow by 3 ends out of 12. 12 competed. Miss Fetherston drew the winner. Miss Coker Adams obtained the ladies' prize for hits, Miss Hood for best gold.

Aug. 7.—William Lillingston won the Bugle by 4 ends out of 11. 13 competed. Miss Emma Beck took the Gold Bugle; Miss Steward and Miss Coker Adams won the ladies' prizes. A silver cup presented by the Society, in accordance with a resolution passed Aug. 27, 1828, was won by William Bagot.

1830, *June* 27.—The prize voted on the 27th Aug. 1828

[1] This Bugle, which is beautifully chased, is in the possession of Charles Gresley, Esq., Lichfield.

was abandoned, and in lieu of it, it was carried that the value of the ladies' prizes should be increased.

Aug. 4.—Daniel Finch won the Arrow by 4 ends out of 7. 13 shot for it. Miss Cotton drew the Gold Arrow. Miss Susan Inge and Miss Maria Cotton won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 6.—The Bugle won by T. Coker Adams at 10 score, by 3 ends out of 7. 11 competed. Miss G. Simpson drew the winner. Miss Coker Adams and Miss Gresley won the ladies' prizes.

1831.—*Resolved,* that all candidates for admission into this Society shall in future be proposed and seconded by a member at a Wardmote held previously to the day of election; that the election shall be by ballot, on the days of the first and second Targets, and on the first day of the Grand Target, and on no other day; and that unless there shall be black balls to the amount of one-fourth of the Woodmen present at the election, the candidate shall be declared duly elected.

Aug. 15.—That instead of target-shooting for money prizes at the July Target, a prize of £10 value be shot for at 9, 10, 11, and 12 score yards, 4 ends of each, to be won by the gainer of the greatest number of ends; a tie to be shot out at 10½ score.

Aug. 17.—John Boultbee, jun., won the Arrow. 14 shot for it. Miss Gresley drew the winner. Miss Coker Adams and Miss Gresley won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 19.—R. Gresley, jun., won the Bugle at 10½ score by 3 ends out of 11. 13 shot for it. Miss B. Boultbee drew the winner. Miss Gresley and Miss Granville won the ladies' prizes. There was a tie for the Lieutenancy of Numbers between William Bagot, R. Gresley, jun., Rev. H. Burroughs, and Simon T. Adams; won by H. Burroughs.

1832, *July* 16.—The £10 prize, a self-yew Bow, won by D. Finch, gaining 14 shots in 14 ends. 5 competed.

Aug. 15.—E. A. Bagot won the Arrow with 4 ends out of 11. 12 competed. Miss L. Cotes drew the winner. Miss Coker Adams and Miss E. Bridgeman won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 17.—Richard Boultbee won the Bugle at 10½ score with 4 ends out of 9; 17 shot for it. Miss L. Holbech drew the winner. Miss Coker Adams and Miss Eyre won the ladies' prizes.

1833, *July* 1.—The resolution passed August 15, 1831, was rescinded. *Resolved*, that no lady, being a winner of a prize in the year preceding, do reckon hits in the outer white.[1]

July 29.—A Prize Bow, value £10, given by the Rev. Thos. Cattell, was shot for at 9, 10, 11, and 12 score yards, 4 ends of each, and was won by Richard Gresley, jun. 6 competed.

Aug. 14.—The Secretary won the Arrow with 3 ends out of 13. 8 competed. Miss B. Boultbee drew the winner. Miss E. Gresley and Miss Parker won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 16.—C. Finch won the Bugle at 10½ score by 3 successive ends—viz., half a bow, a foot, and a clout. 8 competed. Miss Wise drew the winner. Miss E. Gresley and Miss Isabella Simpson won the ladies' prizes.

1834, *Aug.* 18.—A committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Jubilee.

Aug. 20.—The Secretary won the Arrow by 2 ends in 8 (after 7 ends had been shot, the weather became so extremely wet that the shooters who had not won an end consented to withdraw, and the remainder shot one end as a sweepstakes). 13 competed. Miss Madan drew the

1 "About 1833, the Meriden Cricket Club was established, which met in the Archery-ground once a fortnight in the season. Jack Fullerton and Harry Wise were great cricketers, also Archer Clive, and *all* the Lillingstons (of Hampton). I believe the club has long ceased to exist."—*Information from Sir J. E. E. Wilmot, M.P.*

winner. Miss Harriet Gresley and Miss Madan won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 22.—W. Staunton won the Bugle at 9½ score by 2 ends in 9, and a tie with the Rev. H. Bellairs. 15 competed. Miss Sydney Boultbee drew the winner. Miss E. Gresley and Miss B. Boultbee won the ladies' prizes.

1835, *June* 15.—The Secretary put two arrows into the gold at the same end.

Aug. 10.—*Resolved*, that a committee of Woodmen be appointed to wait on the Warden, and earnestly and respectfully to request his lordship to sit for his bust to the most eminent artist of the day; and that the same be placed in the Forest Hall, and there to remain as a token of the esteem and regard entertained by the whole Society for his lordship personally, and for having continued the generous grant of his noble father of the Archery-ground, and for having preserved the institution in all its pristine purity, moderation, and good-fellowship. *Resolved*, that the Secretary do ascertain who may be the present occupiers of the Aschams, and that in future all appointments to vacancies in them be left to him.

Aug. 12.—*Resolved*, that the Secretary be earnestly requested to sit for his bust to the most eminent artist of the day; and that the same be placed in the Forest Hall, and there remain, not only as a proof of the satisfactory manner in which he has performed all the arduous duties of his office, but for the good taste he has displayed in the arrangement of the various amusements—for the skill he has shown in the science of Archery, inasmuch as he has proved himself the most powerful competitor for a successful winner of the Society's medals—and most especially as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by all his brother Woodmen. The Arrow was won by William Bagot with 3 ends in 7. 16 competed. Miss F. M. Gresley drew the winner. The Bugle was won by S. P. Wolferstan

at 9 score with 2 ends in 5. 16 competed. Miss C. Simpson drew the winner. Miss Ellen Bellairs and Miss F. M. Gresley won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 14.—This day was kept as the celebration of the Jubilee. The grand Jubilee prize, "two silver wine-coolers," was won by W. Bagot at 9, 10, 11, and 12 score yards, 3 ends of each, by 4 ends out of the 12. 14 competed. A silver waiter was won by C. Finch as Captain of Numbers at 100 yards, and a silver-burnished cup by C. Palmer by the hit nearest the centre. Forty-two Woodmen were present, and the following members of the Royal Toxophilite Society were visitors at the target: Messrs Hadow, Bridges, Marriott, Peters, and Crawley. The first Jubilee ladies' prize, a gold locket and chain, was won by Miss Ellen Bellairs as the gainer of the greatest number of hits; the second Jubilee prize, a pair of amethyst ear-rings and brooch, by Miss Harriet Gresley, as the winner of the greatest number of golds; the third, a chrysophrase gold bracelet, by Miss Skipwith, as the gainer of the greatest number of hits according to value; and the fourth, a gold and turquoise serpent and butterfly, to Miss Emily Grimes, as the winner of the hit nearest the centre. The Rev. Ernest G. Howman also won a silver embossed goblet—the prize for the gentleman visitor as Captain of Numbers. All these prizes were presented by the Society; and ices, Roman punch, and refreshments were introduced during the dance, which lasted till half-past three o'clock.

On Sir Robert Peel's (who was present) being proposed as a candidate by the Master Forester and the Secretary, the standing rules of the Society as to the election of a member were by general consent suspended, and Sir Robert was, although there was no vacancy, elected a member of the Society by unanimous acclamation, thus increasing the number of the Society from 80 to 81.

1836, *July* 18.—*Resolved*, that in future years there shall be two meetings in addition to the usual Targets: at the first of which there shall be practice at the butts at the distance of 32, 64, and 96 yards in the morning, and at the targets in the evening; and at the second there shall be roving in the morning, and target-shooting in the evening. That these meetings shall be holden on the second Mondays in June and July, and the expenses of them shall be entirely defrayed by the persons present at them.

Aug. 10.—The Arrow was won by C. Finch (in a sweepstake with W. Somerville and J. E. Wilmot) by 3 arrows in 12 ends. 13 competed. Miss Powell drew the winner. Lady Mary Legge and Miss Lelia Skipwith won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 12.—The Bugle was won by D. Finch at 12 score in 3 successive ends. (He made 4 arrows out of 6 ends.) 7 competed. Miss Drinkwater drew the winner. The Hon. Miss Bagot and Miss Skipwith won the ladies' prizes.

1837, *Aug.* 16.—William Bagot won the Arrow with 3 shots in 11 ends. 16 competed. Miss Carmichael drew the winner. Miss Ellen Bellairs and Miss Caroline Beck won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 18.—The Secretary won the Bugle at 9½ score with 3 shots in 11 ends. 16 competed. Miss Wolferstan drew the winner. Miss Bellairs and Miss Reed won the ladies' prizes.

1838, *Aug.* 1.—H. Bellairs won the Arrow with 3 shots in 11 ends. 11 competed. Miss Williams drew the winner. The evening proving wet, the ladies' shooting was adjourned to Friday.

Aug. 3.—The Secretary won the Bugle at 9½ score by 3 shots in 11 ends. 19 competed. Miss F. Carmichael drew the winner. Miss Ellen Bellairs and Miss A. M. Wolferstan won the ladies' prizes for Wednesday. Miss

Ellen Bellairs and Miss C. Beck won the ladies' prizes of the day.

1839, *Aug.* 7.—W. Bagot won the Arrow by 6 shots in 11 ends. 18 competed. Lady Augusta Scott drew the winner. Miss Skipwith and Miss Ellen Carmichael won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 9.—W. Bagot won the Bugle at 9½ score in 3 successive ends. 15 competed. Miss Forster drew the winner. Miss Caroline Beck and Miss Willes won the ladies' prizes.

1840, *Aug.* 12.—H. Bellairs won the Arrow by 3 successive ends. 9 shot for it. Lady Anne Douglas drew the winner. Miss Laura Holbech and Miss Emma Holbech won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 14.—T. Dilke won the Bugle at 9 score by 3 ends in 11; 14 shot for it. Miss Jane Holbech drew the winner. Miss Laura Holbech and Miss Willoughby won the ladies' prizes.

1841, *Aug.* 11.—C. Finch won the Arrow by 3 shots in 9 ends. 10 competed. Miss C. Beck drew the winner. Miss Skipwith and Miss Elizabeth Skipwith won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 13.—C. Palmer won the Bugle at 9 score, in a tie with Coker Beck, by 3 shots in 10 ends. 18 competed. Miss Palmer drew her father's number. Miss S. C. Adams and Miss Shirreff won the ladies' prizes.

1842, *Aug.* 10.—C. Finch won the Arrow by 3 successive shots. 13 competed. Miss Jane Wolferstan drew the winner. Lady Sarah Finch and Miss Bree won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 12.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 11 score by 5 shots in 11 ends. 11 competed. Miss Beck drew her brother's number. Miss C. Beck and Mrs H. Biddulph won the ladies' prizes.

1843, *Aug.* 9.—The morning was stormy and wet, with a great deal of thunder and lightning. The ground

being flooded, and two inches of water at the fireplace in the Hall, shooting had to be postponed until Friday.

Aug. 11.—S. P. Wolferstan won the Arrow by 3 ends in 8. 13 competed. Miss Laura Bellairs drew the winner. S. P. Wolferstan also won the Bugle at 11 score, in a tie with C. Finch, by 3 ends in 7. 9 competed. Miss Fanny Bellairs drew the winner. Miss Wolferstan and Miss Palmer won the ladies' prizes. Miss Skipwith and Miss F. M. Adams the second do.

1844, *July* 31.—C. Finch won the Arrow by 3 shots in 11 ends. 12 competed. Miss Webster drew the winner. Miss F. M. Adams and Miss S. C. Adams won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 2.—The Secretary won the Bugle at 9½ score by 4 shots in 11 ends. 11 competed. Miss F. M. Adams drew the winner. Miss Tongue and Miss Townsend won the ladies' prizes.

1845, *April* 11.—It was resolved to add a new room to the Forest Hall, according to a plan of J. L. Akroyd, builder, of Coventry. A building committee was appointed, with a limit of £1300 for expenditure,—which sum was to be raised by shares, and until these shares were paid off the subscription to be increased. The work was to be completed by July 31, 1845.

Aug. 18.—The Hon. Daniel Finch presented an ancient silver arrow to be shot for at 100 yards under the following qualification: The winners of Arrow and Bugle, the Master Forester, Senior Verdurer, Captain and Lieutenant of Numbers, on Wednesday; the gainer of a hit in the clout, on Wednesday and Friday; the Lieutenant of the Target, and the gainer of a gold, on Monday and Wednesday.

Aug. 20.—C. Coker Beck won the Arrow with 4 ends in 11. 19 competed. Miss Whitehead drew the winner. Miss F. M. Adams and Miss Levett won the ladies' prizes.

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Aug. 22.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 11 score with 3 successive ends. 16 competed. Miss Newdigate drew the winner. Miss F. M. Adams and Miss Palmer won the ladies' prizes. Eleven Woodmen qualified for the Hon. D. Finch's prize, which was won by the Rev. C. Coker Beck.

1846, *Aug.* 12.—J. T. Parker won the Arrow by 4 ends in 11. 20 competed. Miss Caroline Lucy drew the winner. Miss F. M. Adams and Miss Palmer won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 14.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 9 score with 2 ends in 9. 22 competed. Miss H. Bree drew the winner. Miss F. Bellairs and Miss Hartopp won the ladies' prizes. The Hon. and Rev. C. Finch and the Rev. C. C. Beck tied for the Captaincy of Numbers, which was won by the former.

1847, *Aug.* 18.—W. Staunton won the Arrow with 3 shots in 11 ends. 20 competed. Miss Tongue drew the winner. Miss Gresley and Miss S. Coker Adams won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 20.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle with 4 ends in 11 at 10½ score. 19 competed. Miss C. Lucy drew the winner. Miss Skipwith and Miss F. M. Adams won the ladies' prizes.

1848, *Aug.* 7.—*Resolved,* that a pair of targets and bosses be presented to the new Society established amongst the villagers of Ansty and Shilton, under the title of the Woodmen of Ansty and Shilton in the Forest of Arden, and of which our Secretary has been elected the first Warden.[1]

[1] A village Society for the improvement of Archery—it may be regretted that the experiment should be unique, for it has met with much favour in the two villages in which it was first established, and has continued to prosper. Its officers are a Warden, Secretary, Master Forester, and Senior Verdurer (the two latter being the Captain and Lieutenant of Numbers), and each year as summer returns, its members are to be found shooting at 100 or 60 yards two days in the week.—*Information, Rev. C. C. Adams.*

Aug. 9.—S. T. Adams won the Arrow with 3 ends in 9. 24 competed (2 Toxophilites). Miss Daniell drew the winner. Miss Gresley and Miss Daniell won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 11.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 11 score with 3 successive ends. 14 competed (1 Toxophilite). The Hon. Miss Hewitt drew the winner. Miss E. Daniell and Miss Leigh Cooke won the ladies' prizes. R. Garnett and the Secretary shot a tie for Lieutenant of Numbers; won by the former.

1849, *Aug.* 15.—Bernard Granville won the Arrow with 4 ends in 11. 17 competed. Miss H. Bree drew the winner. Mrs Isherwood and Miss Gresley won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 17.—The Secretary won the Bugle with 4 ends in 11 at 9½ score. 17 competed (1 Toxophilite). Miss M. Daniell drew the winner. Miss Gresley and Miss M. Daniell won the ladies' prizes. The Secretary shot a tie for Captain of Numbers with Rev. C. C. Beck, and won.

1850, *July* 8.—The Secretary having announced the death of the Right Hon. Sir Robert Peel, Bart., it was carried by acclamation, that as in his election to this Society when there was no vacancy it was intended to convey to him the high sense entertained of him as a statesman and a man, so on the present occasion, when his sudden and lamented death has been announced, this Wardmote is desirous of showing the highest respect to his memory by abstaining from the filling up of his vacancy, and by the reduction of the Society to its former number of 80.

Aug. 14.—Bernard Granville won the Arrow with 3 ends in 11. 18 competed. Miss C. Palmer drew the winner. Miss C. Watson and Miss Bree won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 16.—The Secretary won the Bugle at 10 score by

4 ends in 11. 16 competed. Miss G. Harding drew the winner. Miss C. Watson and Miss F. Palmer won the ladies' prizes.

1851, *July* 7.—The custom of allowing members of Societies which have the freedom of the Forest to pay for dinners and receive money prizes was abolished, and they were placed upon the footing of guests.

Aug. 6.—C. Coker Beck won the Arrow with 4 arrows in 9 ends. 19 competed (including Messrs Luard and H. Ford, Toxophilites). Miss Baker drew the winner. Miss Harding and Miss E. Macartney won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 8.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at $10\frac{1}{2}$ score by 4 arrows in 10 ends. 13 competed. Miss Gresley drew the winner. Miss Gresley and Miss C. Palmer won the ladies' prizes.

1852, *April* 15.—The death of the Secretary was announced, and Viscount Lewisham elected in his stead. *Resolved*, that this Wardmote express the deepest regret at the loss sustained by the Woodmen of Arden in the death of their late very much respected and beloved Secretary, the Rev. T. C. Adams.

June 21.—A resolution having been passed to offer the Rev. C. C. Adams and the Rev. D. C. O. Adams, the two sons of the late Secretary, their election (without ballot) to the two first vacancies in the Society, the Secretary reported the acceptance of the offer by the Rev. C. C. Adams, who was thereupon elected a Woodman by acclamation.

July 12.—It was *resolved* that it be left to the option of each Woodman to wear an archery hat or a common one, and that the Woodmen in holy orders be allowed to please themselves with respect to wearing the Arden button.

Aug. 4.—Bernard Granville won the Arrow by 5 shots in 11 ends. 19 competed. Miss Agnes Bridgeman drew the winner. Miss F. Granville and Miss Palmer won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 6.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 12 score by 3 successive shots. 15 competed (including C. Hawkins Fisher, Toxophilite). Miss E. Holbech drew the winner. Lady Charlotte Bridgeman and Miss E. Daniell won the ladies' prizes. Robert Garnett and Bernard Granville tied for Captain of Numbers; won by the former.

1853, *Aug.* 3.—C. Finch won the Arrow by 2 ends out of 11. 17 competed. Mrs C. Luard drew the winner. Miss F. Palmer and Miss Bree won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 5.—J. P. Beck won the Bugle at 9 score by 3 ends out of 9. 20 competed. Miss Jane Wolferstan drew the winner. Miss G. Harding and Miss C. Palmer won the ladies' prizes.

1854, *July* 17.—*Resolved*, that the first and second Targets and the Byedays be held on Thursdays instead of Mondays.

Aug. 9.—C. Finch won the Arrow by 2 out of 9 ends, and a tie with C. C. Adams. 18 competed. Lady Charlotte Bridgeman drew the winner. Miss Bickmore and Lady C. Bridgeman won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 11.—C. Finch won the Bugle at 11 score by 3 ends out of 9, and a tie with C. C. Beck. 17 competed. Miss I. Houson drew the winner. Mrs Granville and Miss Bickmore won the ladies' prizes.

1855, *June* 21.—*Resolved*, that no candidate be balloted for on Monday in the Grand week. That no candidate's name be removed from the list unless by notice in writing. That no Woodman wear a prize or badge at any meeting except it had been gained at some Archery Society enjoying the freedom of the Forest.

Aug. 8.—Bernard Granville won the Arrow by 2 out of 11 ends, and a tie with C. Coker Beck and W. K. R. Bedford. 19 competed. Lady Adelaide Curzon drew the winner. Miss A. Biddulph and Mrs Granville Granville won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 10.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 11 score by three successive shots. 16 competed. Miss Boughey drew the winner. Miss A. Biddulph and Lady C. Bridgeman won the ladies' prizes.

1856, *June* 19.—The Rev. Egerton Bagot offered seven medals to be shot for at the June and July Targets, to be won by the best arrow of the day up to 8½ P.M. If no gold should be obtained, the medal to stand over to the next June or July Target; but no two medals to be shot for the same day, and no winner to take a second medal. Each medal to be the property of the Woodmen of Arden, and held by the winner only so long as he remains a Woodman; the Secretary or Master Forester to have the duty of reclaiming it in case of death or resignation. The offer was accepted with thanks.

July 17.—Captain the Hon. G. B. Legge, Rifle Brigade, presented assegais brought by himself from the Cape. Accepted with thanks. The Hon. and Rev. Charles Finch won the Arden Medal.

Aug. 4.—Robert Garnett won the Arrow with 2 ends in 9, and a tie with Bernard Granville and F. H. Gregory. 24 competed. Lady Frances Legge drew the winner. Mrs Granville and Miss I. Bridgeman won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 8.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 9½ score by 2 ends in 9, and a tie with T. Bridges and B. Granville. 22 competed. Miss Fetherston drew the winner. Mrs Davison and Mrs Tennant won the ladies' prizes. W. K. R. Bedford shot a tie with C. Coker Beck for Lieutenant of Numbers, and won.

1857, *March* 16.—A contract was made for the decoration and lighting of the new room.

June 18.—F. Townsend, M.F., won the Arden Medal.

July 16.—The hour of closing the ball was fixed for eleven on Wednesdays and twelve on Fridays. W. K. R. Bedford won the Arden Medal.

Aug. 5.—John Hardy won the Arrow with three consecutive ends. 23 competed. Miss Biddulph drew the winner. Miss Leighton and Mrs Luard won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 7.—H. C. Palmer won the Bugle at 10½ score by 2 ends out of 5. 17 competed. Miss Wynne drew the winner. Miss Leighton and Mrs Robert Garnett won the ladies' prizes. Miss F. Palmer won the prize presented by the Rev. H. Biddulph for the highest score of Wednesday's and Friday's shooting combined; the winners of the Society's prizes not to be eligible.

1858, *June* 17.—The shooting on the Monday of the Grand Wardmote fixed for 12.30. Robert Garnett won the Arden Medal.

July 8.—P. Scholefield won the Arden Medal.

Aug. 4.—C. Coker Beck won the Arrow by 2 ends in 11, and a tie with H. C. Palmer. 20 competed. Miss Gregory drew the winner. Miss E. Willes and Miss Jarrett won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 6.—Lord Guernsey won the Bugle at 11 score by 3 consecutive shots. 21 competed. Miss Owen drew the winner. Miss Biddulph and Miss Garnett won the ladies' prizes.

1859, *June* 23.—The death of the Lord Warden was announced. The Earl of Aylesford was unanimously elected Lord Warden.

July 21.—The Rev. E. J. Howman won the Arden Medal.

Aug. 3.—F. Townsend won the Arrow by 4 ends in 11. 13 competed. Miss E. Jarrett drew the winner. Miss L. Granville and Miss Ada Biddulph won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 5.—W. K. R. Bedford won the Bugle at 9 score with 3 ends in 11, and a tie with George Newdigate. 13 competed. Miss Howman drew the winner. Miss Waller and Miss Whateley won the ladies' prizes.

1860, *June* 21.—The Rev. C. Coker Beck won the Arden Medal.

July 29.—Capt. G. C. Adams won the Arden Medal (lately held by Hon. Rev. C. Finch, deceased).

Aug. 8.—Henry C. Palmer won the Arrow by 2 ends in 7. 17 competed. Miss Harriet Hacket drew the winner. Mrs H. Houson and Miss Perceval won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 10.—F. Townsend won the Bugle at 10½ score by 2 ends in 11, and a tie with the Warden, the M.F. (J. R. O. Bridgeman), C. Coker Beck, and E. J. Howman. 15 competed. Miss Kenney drew the winner. Miss Waller and Miss Margt. Beck won the ladies' prizes.

1861, *June* 20.—The retirement of the Secretary was notified. A vote of thanks and regret at his resignation was passed, and Lt.-Col. F. Granville appointed to succeed him.

Aug. 7.—C. Coker Beck won the Arrow with 4 ends out of 11. 19 competed. Miss Moncrieffe drew Mr Beck's number. Miss Biddulph and Miss G. Beck won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 9.—J. R. O. Bridgeman won the Bugle at 10½ score with 3 consecutive shots. 16 competed. Miss Palmer drew Mr Bridgeman's number. Miss H. Granville and Miss Moncrieffe won the ladies' prizes. The Warden's prize for the greatest number of golds on Wednesday and Friday was won by Miss Beck.

1862, *Aug.* 13.—F. Townsend won the Arrow by 4 ends in 9 (2 clouts). 13 competed. Miss Beck drew the winner. Miss Laura Townsend and Miss L. Granville won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 15.—F. Townsend won the Bugle at 10½ score by 5 ends in 9 (1 clout). 15 competed. Miss C. Whateley drew the winner. Miss L. Waller and Miss M. Birley won the ladies' prizes.

1863, *June* 18.—The scale of prizes for hits was altered

to Gold, 2s. 6d.; Scarlet, 2s.; Inner White, 1s. 6d.; Black, 1s.; Outer White, 6d. A resolution in favour of a uniform cap was negatived.

July 9.—A resolution in favour of a cap was negatived.

July 29.—W. K. R. Bedford won the Arrow by 2 ends in 10, and a tie with C. Coker Beck. 13 competed. Miss C. Whateley drew the winner. Miss L. Townsend and Miss Moncrieffe won the ladies' prizes.

July 31.—H. C. Palmer won the Bugle at 11 score by 3 ends in 11, and a tie with C. Coker Beck. 11 competed. Lady Louisa Legge drew the winner. Miss L. Waller and Miss Whateley won the ladies' prizes.

1864, *June* 23.—A resolution in favour of a Committee to choose a hat was carried.

July 14.—The report of the said Committee was not carried.

Aug. 1.—The Lord Warden presented a challenge medal for the greatest number of golds in the grand week. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed.

Aug. 3.—F. Townsend won the Arrow by 4 ends in 11. 13 competed. Miss Caldecott drew the winner. Miss Waller and Miss H. Whateley won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 5.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 10½ score by 5 ends in 11. 12 competed. Miss Caldecott drew the winner. Miss R. Fenton and Miss Fenton won the ladies' prizes. Mrs Hole won a prize presented by the Warden for most golds on both days, after a tie with Miss Fenton. The Warden's medal was won by F. Townsend, after a tie with the Secretary, C. Coker Beck, and H. Hippesley.

1865, *Aug.* 2.—E. J. Howman won the Arrow by 4 ends in 11. 7 competed. Miss L. Beck drew the winner. Miss Waller (declined), Mrs W. Miller, and Miss Cotes won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 4.—E. A. Waller won the Bugle at 10 score by 4 ends in 13. 10 competed. Miss Edith Cole drew the winner. Miss Waller and Miss M. Beck won the ladies' prizes. The Warden's prize for ladies' golds was won by Miss Waller.

1866, *July* 12.—*Resolved*, that the Grand Wardmote do commence on the Monday on or nearest to the first day of August.

July 30.—Lord Guernsey elected by acclamation, in compliment to the Lord Warden.

Aug. 1.—C. Coker Beck won the Arrow by 4 ends in 11, and a tie with F. Townsend. 14 competed. Miss Cartwright drew the winner. Miss Waller and Mrs W. S. Miller won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 3.—F. Townsend won the Bugle at 12 score with 3 consecutive ends. 13 competed. Miss Wise drew the winner. Mrs W. S. Miller and Miss Whateley won the ladies' prizes.

1867, *July* 31.—H. Skipwith won the Arrow by 4 ends in 11. 14 competed. Miss Mary Galton drew the winner. Mrs W. S. Miller and Miss Waller won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 2.—E. A. Waller won the Bugle at 11 score by 3 consecutive ends. 10 competed. Miss Burton drew the winner. Mrs W. S. Miller and Miss Adams won the ladies' prizes.

1868, *June* 18.—A letter of condolence to the Lord Warden, on the death of the Hon. D. Finch, directed to be transmitted by the Secretary.

Aug. 5.—H. C. Palmer won the Arrow by 2 ends in 9, and a tie with Geo. Newdigate and C. Coker Beck. 15 Woodmen and 2 Toxophilites (Messrs Butt and Stopford) competed. Miss C. Dixie drew the winner. Mrs Butt and Miss Waller won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 7.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 10 score by

4 ends in 11, and a tie with H. Skipwith. 12 competed. Miss Snow drew the winner. Mrs Butt and Miss Beck won the ladies' prizes. A tie for the Warden's medal between W. S. Miller and E. A. Waller was won by the former.

1869, *June* 24.—It was *resolved* that ladies who had won the first prize within three years should be handicapped in scoring, by losing their blacks and outer whites, as also the winners of first and second prizes at the Grand National, Midland Counties, or Crystal Palace Archery Meetings. Winners of other prizes at these meetings to lose the outer white.

1869, *Aug.* 4.—E. J. Howman won the Arrow by 3 consecutive ends (2 clouts). 12 Woodmen and 1 Toxophilite competed. Miss Grace Granville drew the winner. Mrs Miller and Mrs Dilke won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 6.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 9½ score with 3 consecutive ends (winning 6 out of 11). 11 Woodmen and 1 Toxophilite competed. Miss Beech drew the winner. Mrs Dilke and Miss Whateley won the ladies' prizes.

1870, *Aug.* 3.—W. K. R. Bedford won the Arrow with 3 ends in 9. 17 competed. Lady Anne Finch drew the winner. Miss Snow and Miss Adams won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 5.—W. K. R. Bedford won the Bugle at 9½ score with 2 ends in 9. 17 Woodmen and 1 Toxophilite competed. Lady Mary Butler drew the winner. Miss Caldecott and Miss E. Alston won the ladies' prizes.

1871, *June* 22.—The death of the Lord Warden was announced, and the Earl of Aylesford was elected Lord Warden. The Secretary was directed to convey the expression of their hearty condolence to the Dowager-Countess of Aylesford and to the Earl of Aylesford. The resignation of the Secretary was announced, and was

received with an expression of hearty thanks and sincere regret. The Rev. E. J. Howman was appointed Secretary.

Aug. 2.—S. A. Beck won the Arrow, after a tie with C. C. Beck, J. R. O. Bridgeman, and W. S. Miller (won by a bow and thumbs). 15 Woodmen and 1 Toxophilite shot. Miss Hetherington drew the winner. Miss Adams and Miss Snow won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 4.—C. C. Beck won the Bugle at 11½ score by 3 ends in 9. 11 Woodmen and 1 Toxophilite shot. Miss Cartwright drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Miss Adams won the ladies' prizes.

1872, *July* 31.—C. Coker Beck won the Arrow by 3 ends in 11. 15 competed and 1 Toxophilite. Miss P. Sewell drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Mrs Miller won the ladies' prizes. Two handsome silver candelabra, which had been subscribed for by the Woodmen, were presented to the late Secretary, Col. Granville.

Aug. 2.—The Secretary won the Bugle with 3 consecutive ends at 10½ score. 14 competed. Miss Carr drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Mrs Birley won the ladies' prizes.

1873, *Aug.* 6.—W. S. Miller, M.F., won the Arrow with 3 consecutive ends. 13 competed. Miss Alston drew the winner. Miss Fraser and Mrs Miller won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 8.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 11 score by 3 ends in 11. 10 competed. Mrs R. C. A. Beck drew the winner. Miss Fraser and Miss Caldecott won the ladies' prizes.

1874, *Aug.* 5.—C. Coker Beck won the Arrow by 4 ends in 11. Miss Rose Hardy drew the winner. The ladies did not shoot on account of rain.

Aug. 7.—W. R. Capel won the Bugle at 9 score with 3 ends in 11. Miss Hunter drew the winner. Miss Calde-

cott, 1st; Miss J. Stratton, 2d; Miss Hetherington and Mrs Hole won the ladies' prizes.

1875, *Aug.* 4.—T. H. Mynors won the Arrow with 2 ends in 11, and a tie with W. R. Capel and J. R. O. Bridgeman. Miss Capel drew the winner. Miss Stratton and Miss Yarborough won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 6.—G. Newdigate won the Bugle at 9 score with 2 ends, and a tie with C. Coker Beck. 17 competed. Miss Nicholls drew the winner. Miss Cartwright and Miss J. Snow won the ladies' prizes.

1876, *June* 15.—The Secretary announced his resignation. A vote of thanks to him was passed, and the Rev. E. A. Waller appointed.

Aug. 2.—H. Garnett won the Arrow with 2 ends, and a tie with R. C. A. Beck. 24 competed. Miss Bland drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Miss Hunter won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 4.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 11½ score by 4 ends in 11. 17 competed. Miss Dickenson drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Miss Stratton won the ladies' prizes.

1877, *June* 21.—The Secretary reported that the late Rev. W. Gresley, of Boyn Hill, had left the following memorandum: "I should like my 3 best bows, with 18 best arrows suitable to them, to be sent to the Warden of the Forest of Arden, with a request that he will accept them from an old member of the Society as three prizes to be shot for, in such a manner as he shall appoint, by the Woodmen of Arden, as a remembrance of happy days long gone by." The Secretary was instructed to write to Major Gresley informing him that the bequest was gratefully accepted, and to express the great gratification of the Woodmen at being so kindly remembered by an old member of the Society. With the approval of the Lord Warden, it was arranged that the following should be the

mode of shooting for the bows: One bow and set of arrows for the greatest number of hits at the July Target; another for the hit nearest the centre on Monday in the Grand week; the third for the last gold of the meeting,—no Woodman to win two. The Secretary announced that the Rev. C. Coker Beck had presented a mowing-machine. The best thanks of the Society were voted to him for his gift. The Secretary was directed to write to the Secretary of the Royal Scottish Archers expressing the regret of the Woodmen that the proposed match between the Societies could not be shot this year, and their hope that a match might soon be arranged.

July 19.—C. Coker Beck won the first of Mr Gresley's bows by 55 hits.

July 30.—W. R. Capel won the second of Mr Gresley's bows by the most central hit.

Aug. 1.—W. S. Miller won the arrow by 2 ends in 9. 20 competed. Miss Hunter drew the winner. Mrs Hanbury Barclay and Miss F. Mynors won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 3.—C. Coker Beck won the Bugle at 9½ score with 3 ends in 9. 22 competed. Miss Beaumont drew the winner. Miss Hunter and Miss Short won the ladies prizes. H. Skipwith shot a tie for Lieutenant of Numbers with E. J. Howman, and won. T. C. Beck won the third of Mr Gresley's bows with his last arrow.

1878, *June* 20.—The Secretary was directed to accept the challenge of the Royal Scottish Archers, and to propose that eight of each Society should compete at 9 score on Wednesday, July 31. The Master Forester, the Secretary, and the Rev. C. C. Beck were appointed a committee to select the representatives of the Woodmen.

July 31.—E. C. C. Hartopp won the Arrow with 3 ends in 9. 21 Woodmen competed. Miss Leech drew the winner. At the same time the match between 8 Wood-

men and 8 Royal Scottish Archers was shot, the following being the score :—

Royal Company.		*Woodmen.*	
J. T. Hutchinson, .	2	E. A. Waller, .	1
J. M. Sceales, . .	1	C. C. Beck, . .	0
G. Stewart, . . .	1	H. Skipwith, .	0
J. M. Crabbie, . .	0	H. Garnett, . .	0
Brig.-Gen. Wolfe Murray,	3	F. Townsend, .	0
A. G. Murray (Dollerie),	1	H. A. Howman, .	1
Dr W. A. Jamieson, .	7	W. K. R. Bedford,	2
Dr Argyll Robertson, .	3	E. J. Howman, .	0
	18		4

After dinner, the health of the Royal Company of Scottish Archers was proposed by the Master Forester, and acknowledged by Brig.-Gen. Wolfe Murray. Mrs R. Birley and Mrs Corbett won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 2.—H. Palmer won the Bugle at 12 score by 2 ends in 7. 16 Woodmen and 5 Scottish Archers competed. Miss Montressor drew the winner. Mrs R. Birley and Miss Hunter won the ladies' prizes.

1879, *June* 19.—The Secretary laid before the Wardmote a book containing 'The History of the Royal Scottish Archers,' presented by that Society. A suitable vote of thanks was recorded.

Aug. 6.—H. Palmer won the Arrow with 3 consecutive arrows. 22 competed. Miss Courtney drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Mrs H. Barclay won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 8.—W. K. R. Bedford won the Bugle at 9 score with 2 ends, and a tie with A. L. Willett. 20 competed. Miss Hurst drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Miss B. Lloyd won the ladies' prizes.

1880, *June* 17.—The Arden Medal (held by R. Garnett, resigned) was won by F. Hood Gregory.

Aug. 4.—E. C. C. Hartopp won the Arrow with 3 ends,

THE GROUND, FROM THE TERRACE.

and a tie with W. K. R. Bedford. 20 competed. Miss G. Snow drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Miss Short won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 6.—W. K. R. Bedford won the Bugle at 9 score with 2 ends in 7. 22 competed. Miss Gilbert Smith drew the winner. Miss Cholmondeley and Mrs Leigh Bennett won the ladies' prizes.

1881, *June* 16.—A challenge from the Royal Scottish Archers to shoot at Edinburgh on July 16 was accepted.

July 16.—The match was shot on the ground of the R.S.A. in the "Meadows," and won by the Scottish Archers, the score being:—

Royal Company.	Ends.	Arrows.	*Woodmen.*	Ends.	Arrows.
Brig.-Gen. Wolfe Murray,	1	1	H. A. Howman, M.F.,	1	1
Brig.-Gen. Geo. Stewart,	1	1	E. A. Waller, . .	2	2
J. Sceales, . . .	1	5	C. C. Beck, . .	0	0
J. M. Crabbie, . .	0	1	W. K. R. Bedford, .	0	0
A. G. Murray, . .	2	4	H. Skipwith, . .	1	2
J. T. Hutchinson, .	0	1	E. J. Howman, .	1	1
Dr W. A. Jamieson, .	2	5	H. Palmer, . .	1	1
	7	18		6	7

After the match, the Woodmen were most hospitably entertained at Archers' Hall.

Aug. 3.—H. Palmer won the Arrow with 3 ends in 9. 22 competed. Miss Curtis drew the winner. Miss A. Hanbury and Mrs Miller won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 5.—H. Skipwith won the Bugle at 10 score by 3 successive shots in 2 ends. 20 competed. Miss Hethering-ton drew the winner. Miss C. Hanbury and Miss R. Cholmondeley won the ladies' prizes. The Secretary won the Warden's medal, after a tie with the Master Forester (W. R. Capel) and C. C. Beck.

1882, *June* 22.—A Committee was appointed to assist

the Secretary in carrying out improvements in the gentlemen's dressing-room.

Aug. 2.—The Secretary won the Arrow, after a tie with G. Newdigate and W. K. R. Bedford, each having 2 ends in 9. 21 competed. Miss W. A. Back drew the winner. G. Newdigate made twin clouts. Miss E. Cholmondeley and Mrs Corbett won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 4.—C. C. Beck won the Bugle at 10½ score by 2 ends in 9. 18 competed. Miss Muntz drew the winner. Miss E. Cholmondeley and Miss Marion Waller won the ladies' prizes. Samuel Thompson having completed fifty years of service, was presented with a purse of £50, subscribed by Woodmen.[1]

1883, *June* 21.—A committee was appointed to arrange for the celebration of the Centenary.

Aug. 1.—The Secretary won the Arrow by 3 ends in 9. 23 competed. Miss Sutton drew the winner. Miss E. Cholmondeley and Miss Cholmondeley won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 3.—The Secretary won the Bugle at 11 score by 3 ends in 9. 19 competed. Miss Alston drew the winner. Miss E. Cholmondeley and Mrs Miller won the ladies' prizes.

1884, *June* 19.—The report of the Centenary Celebration Committee was read, and resolutions passed founded upon its recommendations. The Arden Medal (held by Capt. G. C. Adams, deceased) was won by A. L. Willett.

Aug. 3.—The standing orders having been suspended, a resolution was passed that the Records of the Society be arranged for publication among the members and their friends. A committee was appointed to carry out the work—viz., W. K. R. Bedford, C. C. Beck, R. Adams Beck, J. R. O. Bridgeman, and the Secretary.

[1] Samuel Thompson died August 19, 1885.

Aug. 6.—H. Skipwith won the Arrow, after a tie with W. C. R. Bedford, W. R. Capel, E. C. C. Hartopp, H. A. Howman, W. S. Miller, and E. A. Waller, each having obtained 1 end in 7. 26 competed. Miss C. F. F. Percy drew the winner. Miss E. Cholmondeley and Miss Penrose won the ladies' prizes.

Aug. 8.—H. A. Howman won the Bugle at 12 score by 2 ends in 7, and a tie with W. S. Miller. 20 competed. Miss Lewis drew the winner. Miss E. Cholmondeley and Mrs H. Leeke won the ladies' prizes.

1885, *June* 18.—The death of the Lord Warden was notified, and a resolution expressing the regret of the Society ordered to be entered on the minutes. Charles Wightwick, Earl of Aylesford, was elected Warden.

A committee was appointed to select a hat, which it should be obligatory for every shooting member to wear.

July 16.—The hat selected by the committee was approved, and they were requested to frame a by-law on the subject, to be submitted to the June Wardmote 1886.

Aug. 3.—C. Coker Beck became Master Forester, and W. C. R. Bedford, Senior Verdurer. It was announced that the Master Forester had given an extra prize, value ten pounds, to be decided upon Friday evening by conditions then to be made known.

Aug. 5.—Henry Howman won the Arrow by 2 ends in 9, and a tie with W. C. R. Bedford. 28 Woodmen competed, 12 of the Scottish Archers, and one Toxophilite, Mr Nesham. Miss E. Humphries drew the winner. At the same time a match of 9 ends was shot between 12 of the Scottish Archers and 12 Woodmen, which was won by the former. Score :—

Names.	Ends.									Total.
	1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*	
Royal Company Q.B.G.S.										
Brigadier-General Wolfe Murray,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Brigadier-General G. Stewart,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
H. Cook,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
J. M. Crabbie,	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	2
J. T. Hutchison,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Dr W. Alan Jamieson,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
A. G. Murray,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
A. Pearson,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
J. Redman,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
James Sceales,	–	–	–	–	1	(1)	–	–	–	2
John M. L. Sceales,	–	–	–	–	–	(1)	–	–	–	1
Charles Stewart,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
										9
Woodmen of Arden.										
Rev. C. C. Beck, *M.F.*,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rev. E. A. Waller, *Sec.*,	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, *S.V.*,	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
C. H. Inge, *C.N.*,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Rev. W. Miller, *L.N.*,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rev. W. K. R. Bedford,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rev. E. J. Howman,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rev. H. Skipwith,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rev. W. R. Capel,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
H. A. Howman,	1	–	–	(1)	–	–	–	–	–	2
E. C. C. Hartopp,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
R. C. A. Beck,	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
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(1) clout.

Aug. 7.—H. Skipwith won the Bugle by 3 ends and a tie with W. C. R. Bedford at 10 score. In consequence of heavy rain the other competitors retired at the eighth end. 26 Woodmen shot, 7 Scottish Archers, and 2 Toxophilites. Miss Bromfield drew the winner. The ladies' prizes were thus decided: Highest score (a gold bracelet with sapphire and diamond ball ends), Mrs Compton, with 25 hits 69 score; second highest (a gold flexible Milanese bracelet), Mrs Berens, 26 hits 63 score. Greatest number of golds (a gold curb chain bracelet), Miss Wise, three golds. Best gold (a set of three fly pins, set with diamond, turquoise pearl, and coral), Mrs C. Nesham. Second gold (an amethyst and

yellow topaz fly brooch), Miss Hanbury. Last gold, Mrs Woolcombe. Two of these prizes stood over from Wednesday, when there was no shooting for ladies.

Mr C. Coker Beck was Captain of Numbers with 73 hits. Mr A. L. Willett, Lieut., with 58 hits; Mr W. R. Capel won the Warden's Medal with 5 golds. 43 ends were shot.

Extra or Centenary Prizes.

Captain of Numbers.—A tankard with cover, richly gilt in parts; there being a boar-hunt in relief round the body of the cup, and on the cover a figure bearing a spear. Won by the Rev. C. C. Beck.

Lieutenant of Numbers.—An inkstand, parcel-gilt, with boy-figures in relief, and richly cut glass bottle, and a pair of candlesticks, *en suite.* Won by the Rev. A. L. Willett.

Royal Scottish Archers' Prize.—A claret-jug with birds and foliage in relief; of Japanese design, and richly gilt in parts. Won by Mr James Sceales, who made the greatest number of ends among the Scottish Archers in the match on Wednesday, after a tie with Dr Jamieson.

Affiliated Society's Prize.—A champagne-jug, glass mounted, richly embellished in relief, and parcel-gilt. Won by Mr C. E. Nesham (Royal Toxophilite), for the greatest number of hits made by a member of the Royal Company of Archers or Royal Toxophilite Society, on Friday—37 hits; a tie with Major Hawkins Fisher, R.T.S. The actual hits were: Fisher 3 G.; 7 S.; 6 I. W.; 10 B.; 11 O. W.—37. Nesham 9 S.; 9. I. W.; 10 B.; 9 O. W.—37: each scoring 92 in Meriden, and 147 Grand National score. Mr Nesham won the tie with four hits to three.

Greatest number of ends gained by a Woodman in the two days (Wednesday and Friday) at the long distances.—

A solid silver cup, with two handles handsomely pierced, gilt inside and richly engraved. Won by the Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, who gained 5 ends—2 on Wednesday and 3 on Friday.

Best Gold by a Woodman on Friday.—A pair of storks, forming candlesticks, richly gilt, in relief. Won by the Rev. W. R. Capel.

Second-best Gold by a Woodman on Friday.—A neat solid silver glass-mounted claret jug. Won by Mr E. C. C. Hartopp.

Visitors' Prize, for the greatest number of hits at 60 *yards on Friday.*—A glass-mounted claret-jug, richly chased and gilt, in relief. Won by Mr Hanbury; 19 hits, 44 score. The Hon. and Rev. H. P. Cholmondeley tying with hits, lost on score.

Visitors' Prize, for best gold. A bow by Thompson of Meriden. Won by the Rev. D. G. Compton.

Second Visitors' Prize, for best gold. A set of arrows by Thompson. Won by the Hon. and Rev. H. P. Cholmondeley.

Conditions of Rev. C. Coker Beck's Prize.

The winner of the M.F. Medal to score 2.

The winner of the S.V. Medal to score 2.

Any other hit in the gold during the Grand Wardmote to score 1.

The winner of the Arrow to score 5. Of an end while shooting for the Arrow, 1; any hit in the clout, 1; if it wins the end, 2.

The winner of the Bugle to score 7. Of an end while shooting, 1; clout, 1; if it wins the end, 2.

The winner of the Captain's Medal to score 9.

The winner of the Lieutenant's Medal to score 7.

In case of a tie, the largest target-score to receive the prize.

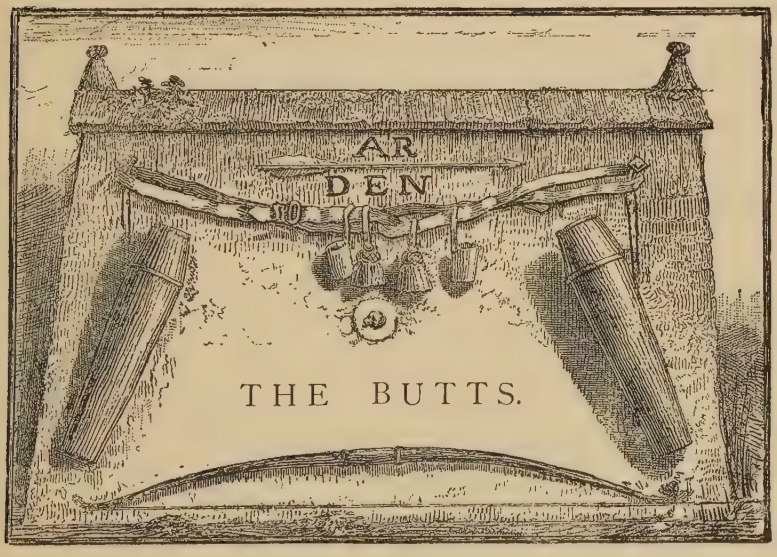
It was won by Mr Skipwith, who made 12 points.

In celebration of the centenary the dance on Friday was prolonged to a late hour, and a supper with champagne

and other beverages was provided in a temporary tent erected outside the old hall. The dinner on Friday was held in the tent; and on both days the Master Forester, in addition to the usual toasts, proposed the health of the affiliated societies, which was acknowledged by Brigadier-General Wolfe Murray, Major Hawkins Fisher, and Mr Nesham. Lord Norton, the senior member of the Society, responded on Friday to the toast of the Warden and Woodmen of Arden, proposed by Brigadier-General Wolfe Murray.

After midnight on Friday a very cordial expression of thanks to the Secretary was offered by all present, on the motion of Mr P. A. Muntz, M.P.

We thus drop the curtain on the first century of the Society, and hope it long may flourish, and maintain its high reputation socially as well as at



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THE BUGLE.

THE first in date and most highly prized of all the distinctions possessed by the Woodmen of Arden is the Bugle, one of the handsomest pieces of plate, though not the oldest, belonging to any Archery Club. It measures 10½ inches from one mouthpiece to the other, and the diameter of the larger end is 3 inches. It weighs, with its appurtenances, 4 lb. 1½ oz., the weight of the Bugle itself being 1½ lb. Round the larger end is the legend, in antique letters, "Win me and wear me," below which is the device of the Society—Ar-den, divided by an arrow, and surrounded by an oak-wreath: a silver ring from the lower centre of the Bugle sustains a green silk tassel. The engraving is from an illumination in a volume in which are recorded the names of the winners, emblazoned by Heneage, fourth Earl of Aylesford, the founder of the Society and the donor of the prize. The appurtenances of the Bugle consist of a buff baldrick 2½ inches broad, edged with silver lace, and fastened by a gold buckle 3½ inches in diameter, bearing the Society's device as before. From this depend two silver chains to hold the Bugle, and forty-two circular medals, rather more than an inch in diameter, bearing

names and arms, crests or devices of winners. The winners wear a decoration presented by Sir Francis Shuckburgh, bearing the motto, "Win me and wear me." The following is a list of the medals:—

1. Earl of Aylesford.—*Escutcheon,* argent; a chevron between three griffins passant sable; an earl's coronet. *Reverse,* blank.
2. *Escutcheon* and *coronet* as No. 1. *Reverse,* "*Cedo meliori;*" Aug. XXII., MDCCLXXXVIII.
3. *Escutcheon,* argent; on two bars sable three trefoils of the first; a greyhound courant in chief. *Crest,* a greyhound sejant sable. *Reverse,* "*Si non datur ultra;*" Aug. XXII., MDCCXC.
4. *Escutcheon* and *crest* as No. 3. Thomas Palmer, Esq. *Reverse,* "*Palma non sine pulvere;*" Aug. XXIX., MDCCXCII.
5. *Escutcheon,* a lion rampant. John Dilke, Augt. 28th, 1793. *Reverse,* "*Spes non fracta.*"
6. *Escutcheon,* gules; on a chevron between three feathers argent three roundles. Thos. Fetherston, Augt. 27, 1794. *Reverse,* "*Invitum sequitur honor.*"
7. *Escutcheon* as above. Thomas Fetherston, Augt. 15, 1796. *Reverse,* blank.
8. *Escutcheon,* quarterly, 1st and 4th or, on a chief sable three escallops argent, all in bordure engrailed gules; 2d and 3d argent, a chevron gules between three fleurs-de-lys sable. *Reverse,* "*Manum fortuna juvat;*" Aug. XXX., MDCCXCVII.
9. *Escutcheon,* a lion rampant. John Dilke, Augt. 23, 1798. *Reverse,* blank.
10. *Crest,* a dragon's head pierced through the neck with a spear, broken point in its mouth. Gilbert Beresford. *Reverse,* "*Fortior eripiet;*" Aug. XXI., MDCCXCIX.
11. *Escutcheon* and *crest* as No. 3. Thomas Palmer. *Reverse,* August 28th, 1801.
12. *Escutcheon* as No. 10. John Dilke, Augt. 27, 1802. *Reverse,* blank.
13. *Escutcheon* as No. 10. John Dilke, Augt. 24, 1804.
14. *Escutcheon* as No. 10. John Dilke, Augt. 29, 1806.
15. *Escutcheon* as No. 10. John Dilke, Augt. 24, 1807.
16. *Escutcheon,* sable; a chevron between three mullets argent; in

chief an escutcheon of Ulster. *Crest,* a demi-savage affrontée holding a dart. "*Hæc manus ob patriam.*" *Reverse,* Sir Francis Shuckburgh, Bart., August 17th, 1821.

17. As above. August 17th, 1822.
18. *Escutcheon,* gules; two arrows in saltier, points downward, between two bezants in pale. Richard Moore Boultbee. *Reverse,* August XIV., MDCCCXXIV.
19. *Escutcheon,* argent; a chevron between three griffins passant sable. *Crest,* a griffin passant sable. Charles Finch. *Reverse,* Aug. XXIV., MDCCCXXVII.
20. *Crest,* griffin passant. Daniel Finch. *Reverse,* "*Nunc mihi, nunc alii;*" Aug. XXVII., MDCCCXXVIII.
21. *Crest,* a lion passant collared. "*Meliore fide quam fortuna.*" *Reverse,* William Gresley, August 26, 1825.
22. *Escutcheon,* a talbot passant. Revd. T. Coker Adams, Augt. 16th, 1850. *Reverse,* Augt. 6, 18, 5, 2, 17—1830, 1837, 1838, 1844, 1849.
23. *Escutcheon,* quarterly, 1st and 4th argent, a hunting-horn stringed, between three crescents sable; 2d and 3d azure, a boar's head in bend erased at the neck, dropping blood. "*Nec semper feriet quodcunque minabitur arcus.*" *Reverse,* William Lillingston, Aug. VII., MDCCCXXIX.
24. As No. 21. *Reverse,* Richard N. Gresley, August 19, 1831.
25. *Escutcheon,* argent; two chevrons in a bordure engrailed sable. William Staunton. *Reverse,* August 22nd, 1834.
26. *Escutcheon,* a greyhound sejant. Revd. C. Coker Beck, Augt. 8, 1851. *Reverse,* Augt. 12, 22, 14, 20, 11—1842, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848.
27. The same. Augt. 6th, 1852. *Reverse,* Augt. 10, 8, 5, 7, 6—1855, 1856, 1864, 1868, 1869.
28. The same. Augst. 4th, 1871. *Reverse,* Augt. 8, 4, 3, 4—1875, 1876, 1877, 1882.
29. *Escutcheon,* sable; a fess wavy or, between three wolfs' heads erased argent. "*Que sera sera.*" *Reverse,* 50th year. Stanley Pipe Wolferstan, Aug. 12, 1835.
30. *Escutcheon,* a lion rampant. Captain Dilke, R.N., Augt. 14, 1840. *Reverse,* blank.
31. *Crest,* a greyhound sejant. James Price Beck, Augt. 5th, 1853. *Reverse,* blank.
32. *Escutcheon,* argent; on two bars sable three trefoils of the first; in chief a greyhound courant. *Crest,* a greyhound sejant

sable. H. C. PALMER. *Reverse,* Aug. 1857, Aug. 1863, Aug. 1878.

33. *Escutcheon,* argent; a chevron between three griffins passant sable. A baron's coronet. Lord GUERNSEY. *Reverse,* 1858.
34. *Crest,* a demi-lion rampant, murally crowned, holding a ball between his paws. W. K. R. BEDFORD, 1880, 1870. *Reverse,* 1859, 1879.
35. *Escutcheon,* azure; a chevron ermine between three escallops argent. "*Vita posse propriè frui.*" *Reverse,* FREDERICK TOWNSEND, Aug. 6, 1860.
36. *Escutcheon,* sable; ten plates in pile; on a chief a lion passant; a mullet for difference. JOHN ROBERT ORLANDO BRIDGEMAN. *Reverse,* Aug. IX., MDCCCLXI.
37. *Crest,* a tree; depending therefrom an escutcheon azure, three fleurs-de-lys, and a label argent. ERNEST A. WALLER, 1865. *Reverse,* August 4th, 1867; August 3d, 1883.
38. *Crest,* a pegasus springing from a mount. E. J. HOWMAN. *Reverse,* Augt. II., MDCCCLXXII.; "*Labile quod opportunum.*"
39. *Crest,* a demi-lion rampant holding a crosslet fitchy. "*Fide et fortitudine.*" *Reverse,* 7th Augt. 1874, W. R. CAPEL.
40. *Escutcheon,* gules; three lions gambs erased argent. *Crest,* a fleur-de-lys. *Reverse,* GEORGE NEWDIGATE, 1875.
41. *Crest,* a turnstile. HUMBERSTON SKIPWITH, 1881. *Reverse,* blank.
42. *Escutcheon,* gules; a rose argent; a chief ermine. *Crest,* a pegasus springing from a mount. "*Labile quod opportunum.*" *Reverse,* HENRY A. HOWMAN, 1884. 12 score.

SILVER ARROW.

The Silver Arrow presented by the Countess of Aylesford (Louisa, daughter of first Marquess of Bath) 1788, is 27 inches long, and weighs 1 lb. 3½ oz. The winner wears a silver badge presented by the Rev. T. Coker Adams, with the motto, "*Pudor est nescire sagittas.*"

The Arrow is accompanied by a series of Silver Medals bearing devices commemorative of winners in the years past. A description of each is appended:—

1. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on a wreath a bird (dove close argent, beaked and legged gules). *Reverse,* W. Dilke, 10th Oct. 1788.
2. Circular.—*Arms* (on escutcheon, surmounted by an earl's coronet), argent; a chevron between three griffins passant sable. *Reverse,* Aug. 31st, 1789.
3. Circular.—Ditto. *Reverse,* 20th Augt. 1790.
4. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* on escutcheon, argent; on two bars sable three trefoils; in chief a greyhound courant. *Reverse,* William Palmer, 29th Augt. 1791.
5. Circular.—*Arms* as No. 2. *Reverse,* 27 Augt. 1792.
6. Shield-shaped.—Arrow-ribbon, azure, bordered or and azure; on centre a lion passant argent. *Reverse,* Richd. Gresley, 26 Augst. 1793.
7. Shield-shaped.—*Crest* as No. 1. *Reverse,* the Revd. John Dilke, 24 Augst. 1795.
8. As No. 6. *Reverse,* Richd. Gresley, 30 Augst. 1797.
9. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on a wreath, a dragon's head pierced through the neck with a broken spear, the broken point thrust through the upper jaw. *Reverse,* the Revd. Gilbert Berresford, 28th Augt. 1798.
10. Shield-shaped.—As No. 4, with crescent in chief. *Reverse,* Thos. Palmer, 19th Augt. 1799.
11. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on a wreath, an antelope's head erased. *Reverse,* Thos. Fetherstone, Augt. 26th, 1801.
12. Shield-shaped.—As No. 4. *Reverse,* Willm. Palmer, 29th Augt. 1803.
13. Shield-shaped.—As No. 10. *Reverse,* Thos. Palmer, 21st Augt. 1805.
14. Shield-shaped.—As No. 10. *Reverse,* Thos. Palmer, 27th Augt. 1806.
15. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on a wreath, a tower; a bird close. *Reverse,* John Samuel Hudson, 19th Augt. 1807.
16. Shield-shaped.—As No. 4. *Reverse,* Willm. Palmer, 23d Augt. 1808.
17. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* on escutcheon, gules, three escallops argent; on a chief a wolf passant. *Reverse,* Revd. Thos. Cattell, 23rd Augt. 1809.
18. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* a goat's head from coronet. *Reverse,* Revd. E. A. Bagot, 28 Augst. 1811.
19. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on wreath, a man's head affrontée, couped

at the shoulders, and ducally crowned. *Reverse,* ROBT. WILLOUGHBY, 21st Augt. 1812.

20. Shield-shaped.—The same. *Reverse,* ROBT. WILLOUGHBY, 25th Augt. 1813.
21. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* from wreath, an eagle's head, in the beak an escallop. *Reverse,* JOHN EARDLEY WILMOT, 18th Augt. 1814.
22. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on wreath, a greyhound sejant. *Reverse,* JAS. BECK, August 25th, 1819.
23. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* quarterly or and gules, a bend sable. *Reverse,* Revd. J. CLAVERING, Augst. 23, 1820.
24. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on a wreath, a lion passant. *Reverse,* WILLM. GRESLEY, 15 Augst. 1821.
25. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* from a wreath, a moorman affrontée, couped at the waist, in his right hand an arrow. *Reverse,* Sir FRANCIS SHUCKBURGH, Bart., August 20th, 1823.
26. Shield-shaped.—As No. 18. *Reverse,* WILLIAM BAGOT, Augt. 24th, 1825.
27. Shield-shaped.—*Two Crests,* (1) from a wreath, a demi-dragon, wings expanded, wounded by a broken dart; (2) from a wreath, a boar's head pierced through the neck by an arrow. *Reverse,* WILLIAM LILLINGSTON, 27th Augst. 1828.
28. Shield-shaped.—As No. 18. *Reverse,* Revd. E. A. BAGOT, Augt. 5th, 1829.
29. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* argent; a chevron between three griffins passant sable. *Reverse,* DANL. FINCH, Augt. 4th, 1830.
30. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on a wreath, a stag's head erased. *Reverse,* JN. BOULTBEE, jun., 17th Augst. 1831.
31. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* as No. 29. *Reverse,* CHAS. FINCH, Augt. 10, 1836.
32. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* as No. 29. *Reverse,* CHAS. FINCH, Augt. 11, 1844.
33. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* as No. 22. *Reverse,* COKER BECK, Augt. 20th, 1845, Augt. 6th, 1851.
34. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* five arrows tied by a ribbon. *Reverse,* J. T. PARKER, Augt. 12th, 1846.
35. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on a wreath, a fox statant. *Reverse,* WM. STAUNTON, 18th Augt. 1847.
36. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on a cap of estate, a griffin passant. *Reverse,* BERNARD GRANVILLE, 15th Augt. 1849.
37. Shield-shaped.—The same. 14th Augt. 1850.

38. Shield-shaped.—The same. 4th Augt. 1852.
39. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* from a wreath, a demi-lion holding an escutcheon charged with a cross patty fitchy. *Reverse,* ROBT. GARNETT, 1856.
40. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* from a wreath, a dexter arm in armour embowed, and grasping in the hand a dragon's head erased. *Reverse,* JOHN HARDY, 5th August 1857.
41. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* as No. 4. *Reverse,* H. C. PALMER, Augt. 1860, 1868, 1879, 1881.
42. Shield-shaped.—Arrow-ribbon, quartered ermine and gules, three lozenges or. *Reverse,* W. K. R. BEDFORD, 1863, 1870.
43. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on wreath, a Pegasus springing, wings expanded. *Reverse,* E. J. HOWMAN, August 2nd, 1865, 1869.
44. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on wreath, a turnstile. *Reverse,* H. SKIPWITH, July 31, 1867; August 6th, 1884.
45. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* as No. 22. *Reverse,* S. ADAMS BECK, 2nd August 1871.
46. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* gules, a fess argent between three plates. *Reverse,* T. H. MYNORS, Aug. 4th, 1875.
47. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* as No. 39. *Reverse,* ROBERT GARNETT, Aug. 2nd, 1876.
48. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* from wreath, a demi-lion holding a lozenge. *Reverse,* W. S. MILLER, 1873, 1877.
49. Shield-shaped.—*Arms,* sable; a chevron between three otters passant argent. *Crest,* from a ducal coronet, a pelican vulning herself. Below shield, letters E. C. H. *Reverse,* Aug. 1, 1878, E. C. C. HARTOPP, Aug. 4, 1880.
50. Shield-shaped.—*Crest,* on wreath, a tree, depending from it an escutcheon, azure, three fleur-de-lys, and a label of three points. *Reverse,* E. A. WALLER, 1882, 1883.

THE MASTER FORESTER'S GOLD MEDAL,

In diameter 2 inches, was presented in 1789 by Wm. Palmer, Esq. On the face is the word Arden, divided by an arrow, and surrounded by a wreath of oak-leaves and acorns, as represented at the head of the Roll; on the reverse are the letters M. F. in strong relief. It is worn from the button-hole by a green ribbon. Belonging to it

are 68 silver medals of spade-ace shape, bearing the names of the winners since its first presentation.

THE SENIOR VERDURER'S SILVER MEDAL.

The Silver Medal presented by the same Woodman for the Senior Verdurer is identical in pattern, but the letters are S.V. The following is the list of winners from the commencement :—

	Master Forester.	Senior Verdurer.
1786.	Richard York	William Dilke.
1787.	William Dilke	Rev. W. Bree.
1788.	C. E. Repington	Rev. John Dilke.
1789.	Rev. John Dilke	Richard York.
1790.	Rev. Robert Sadler	William Little.
1791.	F. Phillips	William Dilke.
1792.	John Boultbee	Edward Croxall.
1793.	Simon Adams	Frederic Phillips.
1794.	William Palmer	William Palmer.
1795.	Rev. W. Bree	Wriothesley Digby, *Sec.*
1796.	Richard York	William Dilke.
1797.	Rev. W. Bree	Richard York.
1798.	W. Holbech, jun.	Richard York.
1799.	Rev. G. Beresford	The Warden.
1800.	The Warden	Rev. John Dilke.
1801.	C. E. Repington	Thomas Palmer.
1802.	Thomas Fetherston	Rev. G. Beresford.
1803.	The Warden	Edward Croxall.
1804.	Joseph Boultbee	Rev. T. Blyth.
1805.	Rev. John Dilke	John Boultbee.
1806.	The Warden	Sir Gray Skipwith.
1807.	Rev. John Dilke	Thomas Fetherston.
1808.	R. T. Willoughby	Thomas Palmer.
1809.	Lord Guernsey	William Palmer.
1810.	Thomas Fetherston	Joseph Boultbee.
1811.	Hon. H. Verney	William Breton.
1812.	Rev. T. Coker Adams	William Palmer.
1813.	Rev. Thomas Cattell	William Palmer.
1814.	C. E. Repington	Rev. T. L. Freer.
1815.	Rev. Thomas Cattell	Henry Cadr. Adams.
1816.	J. E. Wilmot	Rev. Charles Palmer.
1817.	Hon. Daniel Finch	Rev. Charles Palmer.
1818.	C. E. Repington	Rev. T. Coker Adams.
1819.	Rev. C. Palmer	Joseph Boultbee.
1820.	Rev. C. Palmer	Rev. John Clavering.

	Master Forester.	Senior Verdurer.
1821.	Henry Cadr. Adams	Rev. William Somerville.
1822.	Rev. W. Somerville	Rev. T. Coker Adams.
1823.	Rev. T. Coker Adams	Rev. C. Palmer.
1824.	Rev. T. Coker Adams	James Beck.
1825.	Rev. T. Coker Adams	The Warden.
1826.	Hon. Heneage Legge	Hon. and Rev. Richard Bagot.
1827.	Henry Cadr. Adams	Rev. William Somerville.
1828.	William Lillingston	William Lillingston.
1829.	William Lillingston	Charles Lillingston.
1830.	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	Rev. T. Coker Adams.
1831.	Rev. Richard Boultbee	Charles Shirley.
1832.	Rev. William H. Burroughs	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch.
1833.	Colonel S. E. Steward	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch.
1834.	Hon. and Rev. W. Somerville	Rev. Charles Palmer.
1835.	Rev. Charles Palmer	Rev. William Staunton.
1836.	Hon. and Rev. W. Somerville	The Earl of Bradford.
1837.	William Bagot	Rev. T. Coker Adams.
1838.	Hon. and Rev. W. Somerville	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch.
1839.	William Bagot	Hon. and Rev. W. Somerville.
1840.	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	Rev. W. Staunton.
1841.	Thomas Bridges	John Drinkwater.
1842.	Rev. Joseph Webster	Charles Harding.
1843.	Rev. H. E. Steward	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*
1844.	William Hartopp	Rev. Egerton Bagot.
1845.	S. Adams Beck	Rev. C. Coker Beck.
1846.	William Hartopp	Thomas Bridges.
1847.	William Hartopp	Hon. Daniel Finch.
1848.	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	Rev. H. E. Steward.
1849.	S. Adams Beck	Rev. S. B. Shirreff.
1850.	Rev. C. Coker Beck	Rev. Charles J. Newdigate.
1851.	Viscount Lewisham	Rev. C. Coker Beck.
1852.	Robert Garnett	Rev. Charles J. Newdigate.
1853.	Robert Garnett	Rev. C. Coker Beck.
1854.	Rev. W. Staunton	Major Granville.
1855.	James Price Beck	Capt. G. T. Gooch, R.N.
1856.	Frederick Townsend	Robert Garnett.
1857.	Rev. Charles J. Newdigate	C. M. Caldecott.
1858.	Hon. and Rev. J. R. O. Bridgeman	Rev. W. K. R. Bedford.
1859.	Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	George Newdigate.
1860.	Hon. and Rev. J. R. O. Bridgeman	Rev. C. C. Beck.
1861.	Rev. C. C. Beck	Francis H. Gregory.
1862.	Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	Captain Adams.
1863.	S. Adams Beck	Hon. and Rev. J. R. O. Bridgeman.
1864.	Frederick Townsend	Henry Hippisley.
1865.	Rev. E. Waller	Col. Granville, *Sec.*
1866.	Henry Hippisley	The Warden.
1867.	George Newdigate	Rev. W. S. Miller.
1868.	Captain Adams	Rev. Ernest Waller.
1869.	Rev. C. C. Beck	George Newdigate.
1870.	Rev. Ernest Waller	Rev. Humberston Skipwith.

	Master Forester.	Senior Verdurer.
1871.	Rev. C. C. Beck	Rev. Charles Newdigate.
1872.	Rev. W. S. Miller	Rev. E. J. Howman, *Sec.*
1873.	Rev. W. S. Miller	Rev. E. J. Howman, *Sec.*
1874.	James Alston	Rev. Ernest G. Little.
1875.	Rev. E. J. Howman, *Sec.*	Rev. C. C. Beck.
1876.	Henry Howman	Rev. H. C. Courtney.
1877.	Henry Howman	Edmund Charles Hartopp.
1878.	Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	Rev. Ernest Waller, *Sec.*
1879.	W. Chance	H. A. Howman.
1880.	H. A. Howman	Rev. C. C. Beck.
1881.	Rev. W. R. Capel	J. Alston.
1882.	H. A. Howman	Rev. H. Skipwith.
1883.	Major F. H. Gregory	Rev. W. S. Miller.
1884.	Rev. H. Skipwith	Rev. W. S. Miller.

THE CAPTAIN AND LIEUTENANT OF NUMBERS' MEDALS (GOLD AND SILVER)

Were presented in 1818 by the first Secretary, Wriothesley Digby, Esq., and are of a similar die to the Master Forester's Medal, but bear on their reverse, — the gold, *Optime merenti;* the silver, *Bene merenti.* A list of the winners is appended, with the number of hits, when recorded in the book, and the number of ends—four arrows each—since 1853. The latter information has been supplied by the Rev. C. C. Beck, whose own record of performances at the target, equally brilliant and lasting, stamps him as the best archer the Society has yet produced, although he concedes the palm to Mr F. Townsend, whose extraordinary scores from 1857 to 1862 form quite an episode in the shooting of the Society, though his average even at that period was not much superior to that of Mr Beck.

Ends.	Year.	Captain of Numbers.	Hits.	Lieutenant of Numbers.	Hits.
	1818	The Warden	38	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	37
	1819	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	...	Rev. R. Boultbee	...
	1820	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	...	Rev. C. Palmer	...
	1821	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	...	...	...
	1822	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	...	...	...

Ends.	Year.	Captain of Numbers.	Hits.	Lieutenant of Numbers.	Hits.
	1823	The Warden	...	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	...
	1824	Rev. C. Palmer	...	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	...
	1825	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	...	Heneage Legge	...
	1826	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	25	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	24
	1827	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	30	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	25
	1828	Richard Gresley, jun.	38	Rev. C. Palmer	37
	1829	William Lillingston	45	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	38
	1830	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	...	Hon. Daniel Finch	...
	1831	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	34	Rev. W. H. Burroughs	30
	1832	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	52	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	42
	1833	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	45	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	42
	1834	Rev. W. H. Burroughs,	34	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	25
	1835	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	31	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	27
	1836	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	43	Hon. Daniel Finch	36
	1837	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	48	Rev. W. H. Burroughs	40
	1838	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	38	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	33
	1839	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	36	William Bagot	34
	1840	Rev. William Staunton	56	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	42
	1841	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	35	Rev. William Staunton	30
	1842	Rev. C. Coker Beck	50	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	37
	1843	Rev. C. Coker Beck	50	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	33
	1844	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	...	Rev. Joseph Webster	...
	1845	Rev. C. Coker Beck	...	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	...
	1846	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	42	Rev. C. Coker Beck	41
	1847	Rev. C. Coker Beck	41	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	31
	1848	Hon. and Rev. C. Finch	45	Robert Garnett	42
	1849	Rev. T. Coker Adams, *Sec.*	38	Rev. C. Coker Beck	37
	1850	Rev. C. Coker Beck	48	Rev. T. Coker Adams	37
	1851	Robert Garnett	53	Rev. C. Coker Beck	47
	1852	Robert Garnett	64	Bernard Granville	63
61	1853	Bernard Granville	64	Robert Garnett	60
68	1854	Rev. C. Coker Beck	92	Major Granville	67
68	1855	Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	93	Rev. C. Coker Beck	77
54	1856	Major Granville	68	Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	54
64	1857	Frederick Townsend	73	Rev. C. Coker Beck	60
58	1858	Rev. C. Coker Beck	96	Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	70
77	1859	Frederick Townsend	114	Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	68
58	1860	Frederick Townsend	80	Colonel Granville	78
67	1861	Frederick Townsend	130	Colonel Granville	78
59	1862	Frederick Townsend	114	Rev. E. J. Howman	88
80	1863	Rev. C. Coker Beck	107	Colonel Granville	86
75	1864	Colonel Granville, *Sec.*	111	Frederick Townsend	103
75	1865	Rev. C. Coker Beck	90	Colonel Granville, *Sec.*	78
56	1866	Rev. C. Coker Beck	120	Frederick Townsend	101
86	1867	Rev. C. Coker Beck	128	Colonel Granville, *Sec.*	94
65	1868	Rev. Humberston Skipwith	65	Rev. C. Coker Beck	58
88	1869	Rev. C. Coker Beck	123	Rev. W. Miller	103
69½	1870	Rev. Humberston Skipwith	68	Colonel Granville, *Sec.*	66
70	1871	Rev. Humberston Skipwith	90	Rev. C. Coker Beck	88
72	1872	Rev. E. J. Howman	86	Rev. C. Coker Beck	85
81	1873	Rev. E. J. Howman	97	Rev. C. Coker Beck	87
59	1874	Rev. C. Coker Beck	75	Rev. E. J. Howman, *Sec.*	63
71	1875	Rev. Humberston Skipwith	91	Henry Howman	82
55	1876	Rev. C. Coker Beck	73	Henry Howman	58
58	1877	Henry Howman	81	Rev. Humberston Skipwith	58
66	1878	Rev. Ernest Waller, *Sec.*	66	Rev. Humberston Skipwith	56
71	1879	Henry Howman	93	Rev. C. Coker Beck	86
71	1880	Rev. Humberston Skipwith	96	Rev. C. Coker Beck	69
71	1881	Rev. C. Coker Beck	107	Henry Howman	91
73	1882	Henry Howman	108	Rev. C. Coker Beck	85
66	1883	Rev. W. S. Miller	96	Rev. E. A. Waller	95
66	1884	C. H. Inge	89	Rev. W. S. Miller	84

THE WARDEN'S MEDAL,

Presented by Heneage, sixth Earl of Aylesford and third Lord Warden, in 1864, is of gold, two inches in diameter, and bears upon the face a bugle-horn, with the word Arden on a raised band of gold as a scroll, above which is the crest and coronet of the Earls of Aylesford, and on a garter surrounding the circumference of the medal their motto: "*Aperto vivere voto.*" On the reverse are the words, "Warden's Medal, 1864." This honour, which is obtained by the greatest number of golds during the three days of the Grand Target—a clout (since 1866) being reckoned as a gold—was won by the following:—

1864. F. Townsend by 4 golds, after a tie with Rev. E. J. Howman, Colonel F. Granville, Sec., and H. Hippesley.
1865. Rev. C. C. Beck with 5 golds.
1866. Rev. C. C. Beck with 7 golds.
1867. Rev. H. Skipwith by 4 golds and 2 clouts.
1868. Rev. W. S. Miller with 4 golds and a tie with Rev. E. A. Waller.
1869. Rev. C. C. Beck with 10 golds.
1870. Rev. H. Skipwith by 7 golds.
1871. The same Woodman with 6 golds.
1872. The same with 6 golds.
1873. Rev. C. C. Beck with 5 golds.
1874. The same Woodman by 2 golds and a clout.
1875. Rev. H. Skipwith by 7 golds.
1876. Rev. C. C. Beck with 4 golds and a clout.
1877. The same with 5 golds.
1878. The Rev. E. A. Waller, Sec., with 5 golds.
1879. The Rev. C. C. Beck with 6 golds and a clout.
1880. The same with 5 golds.
1881. The Rev. E. A. Waller, Sec., with 5 golds, after a tie with Rev. W. R. Capel and Rev. C. C. Beck.
1882. H. A. Howman with 7 golds.
1883. Rev. W. S. Miller with 6 golds.
1884. Rev. H. Skipwith by 4 golds and a clout.

THE ARDEN MEDALS,

Presented by the Rev. Egerton Arden Bagot (see records of 1856), seven in number, are of silver, 3 inches in diameter, and each weighing 7½ oz. On the obverse is a coat-of-arms—Arden of Warwickshire, ermine, a fess checky argent and azure. Crest, a boar passant proper, upon a cap of estate; on a ribbon below, the motto, "*Quo me cunque vocat patria.*" On a broad border, edged with twisted cord, "The Woodmen of Arden" in antique letters; four crossed arrows, two and two; and a Cupid's bow, unstrung. On the reverse, within a border of oak-leaves and acorns similar to that on the Society's seal, an arrow dividing the words CENTRVM PETE. They are worn suspended to a narrow dark-blue ribbon 1½ inch in breadth, round the neck. The winners of these medals will be found in their place in the records.

ROLL OF MEMBERS

THE ROLL.

[*Present Woodmen indicated by an asterisk.*]

Elected.

1785. 1. Aylesford, Earl of, Heneage, fourth Earl, Lord Steward of the Household, d. 1812. Perpetual Lord Warden.[1]
M.F., 1800, 1803, 1806; S.V., 1799; Arrow, 1789, 1790, '92, 1803; Bugle, 1788, '89, 1791, '95.

2. Digby, Wriothesley, of Meriden Hall, eldest son of Hon. Wriothesley Digby, second son of fifth Lord Digby, d. 1827. Secretary, 1785-1826.
S.V., 1795.

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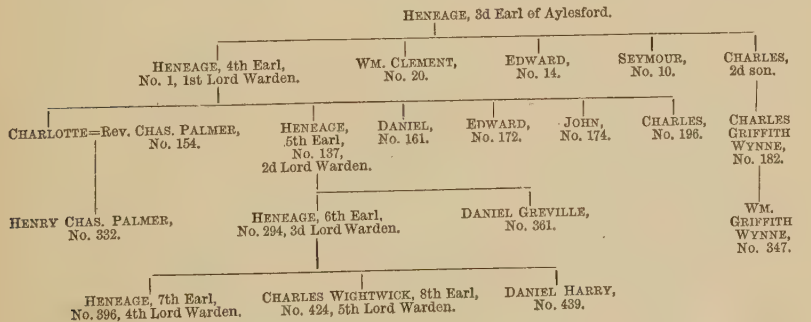
Heneage, 3d Earl of Aylesford.
Heneage, 4th Earl, No. 1, 1st Lord Warden.
Wm. Clement, No. 20.
Edward, No. 14.
Seymour, No. 10.
Charles, 2d son.
Charlotte=Rev. Chas. Palmer, No. 154.
Heneage, 5th Earl, No. 137, 2d Lord Warden.
Daniel, No. 161.
Edward, No. 172.
John, No. 174.
Charles, No. 196.
Charles Griffith Wynne, No. 182.
Henry Chas. Palmer, No. 332.
Heneage, 6th Earl, No. 294, 3d Lord Warden.
Daniel Greville, No. 361.
Wm. Griffith Wynne, No. 347.
Heneage, 7th Earl, No. 396, 4th Lord Warden.
Charles Wightwick, 8th Earl, No. 424, 5th Lord Warden.
Daniel Harry, No. 439.

1785. 3. York, Richard, of Kingshurst, d. 1812.
M.F., 1785, '86, 1796; S.V., 1789, 1797, '98.

4. Dilke, William, of Maxtoke, d. 1797.
M.F., 1787; S.V., 1786, 1791, '96; Arrow, 1788.

5. Lewis, Henry Greswolde, of Malvern Hall, married Hon. Charlotte Bridgeman, daughter of Henry, first Lord Bradford; High Sheriff 1803, res. 1827, d. 1829.

6. Dilke, Charles (assumed the name of Fetherston by royal licence 1814), d. 1832.

7. Moland, Richard, of Springfield, d. 1797.

8. Bree, William (afterwards Rev.), Vicar of Bickenhill, and afterwards Rector of Allesley, d. 1823.
M.F., 1795, '97; S.V., 1787.

9. Dilke, John (afterwards Rev.), Rector of Packington and Vicar of Polesworth, d. 1819.[1]
M.F., 1789, 1805, 1807; S.V., 1788, 1800; Arrow, 1794 '95, '96, 1800; Bugle, 1793, '98, 1802, 1804, 1806, 1807.

1786. 10. Finch, Hon. Seymour, sixth son of third Earl of Aylesford, d. 1794.

11. Croxall, Edward, jun., of Shustoke, High Sheriff 1796, res. 1821, d. 1825.
S.V., 1792, 1803.

12. Fetherston, Thomas, of Packwood, d. 1814, brother of Nos. 4, 6, and 9.
M.F., 1802, 1810; S.V., 1807; Arrow, 1801, 1804; Bugle, 1794, '96, 1800, 1805.

13. Sadler, Robert (afterwards Rev.), of Over-Whitacre, d. 1831.
M.F., 1790.

14. Finch, Hon. Edward, fourth son of third Earl of Aylesford, General in Army, and Colonel 22d Regiment, d. 1843.

15. Adderley, Charles Bowyer, of Hams Hall, High Sheriff 1778, res. 1799, d. 1826.

16. Hartopp, Edmund Cradock, then residing at Merevale, afterwards of Four Oaks, created a Baronet 1796, res. 1820, d. 1833.

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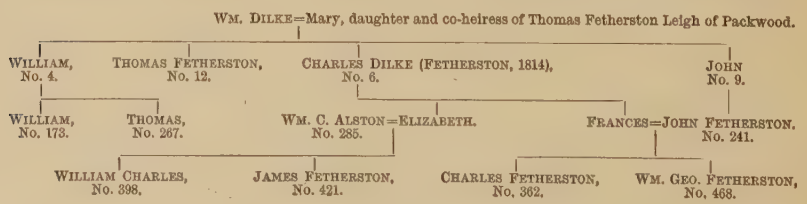
Wm. Dilke=Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Fetherston Leigh of Packwood.
William, No. 4.
Thomas Fetherston, No. 12.
Charles Dilke (Fetherston, 1814), No. 6.
John No. 9.
William, No. 173.
Thomas, No. 267.
Wm. C. Alston=Elizabeth. No. 285.
Frances=John Fetherston. No. 241.
William Charles, No. 398.
James Fetherston, No. 421.
Charles Fetherston, No. 362.
Wm. Geo. Fetherston, No. 468.

1786. 17. Okeover, Rowland Farmer, of Oldbury, High Sheriff 1782, d. 1793.

18. Boultbee, Thomas, of Tooley, Leicestershire, res. 1816.

19. Lewisham, Viscount, George, succeeded as third Earl of Dartmouth, 1801, K.G., d. 1810.

20. Finch, Hon. William Clement, third son of third Earl of Aylesford; Admiral R.N., res. 1791, d. 1794.

21. Repington, Charles Edward, of Amington, d. 1837.
M.F., 1788, 1801, 1814, '18.

22. Reynolds, Edward (Rev.), of Atherstone, Fellow of Brasenose College.

23. Boultbee, Joseph, of Baxterley, afterwards of Springfield, brother of No. 18, High Sheriff 1785, res. 1836.

24. Sheffield, Sir John, of Normanby, Lincolnshire, married Sophia, daughter of William Digby, Dean of Durham, res. 1791, d. 1815.

25. Wright, Thomas, of Morton Morell and Wolverton, res. 1793.

26. Gresley, William (afterwards Rev.), of Netherseale, father of Sir William Nigel Gresley, ninth Baronet.[1]

27. Lawley, Sir Robert, of Canwell, fifth Baronet, d. 1793.

28. Palmer, William, of Coleshill, res. 1822.
M.F., 1794; S.V., 1794, 1809, 1812, '13; Arrow, 1791, 1802, 1808; Bugle, 1790, 1803, 1811.

29. Palmer, Thomas, of Coleshill, d. 1821.
S.V., 1801, 1808; Arrow, 1799, 1805, 1806; Bugle, 1792, 1801.

30. Adderley, Ralph, of Coton, Staffordshire, brother of No. 15, res. 1799, d. 1819.

31. Bateman, Hugh, of Four Oaks, res. 1788, created a Baronet 1806, of Hartington, Derbyshire, d. 1824.

32. Shuckburgh, Sir George Augustus William, sixth Baronet (assumed name of Evelyn 1793), F.R.S. and F.A.S., five times M.P. for Warwickshire, d. 1804.

33. Lawley, Robert (son of No. 27), res. 1803, succeeded as sixth Baronet 1793, High Sheriff of Staffordshire 1796, created Lord Wenlock 1831, d. 1832.

34. Chambers, Samuel, of Studley.

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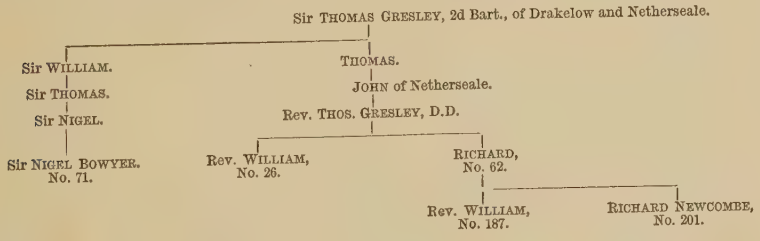

1786. 35. Mills, William, res. 1792, of Bisterne, Hants, married Elizabeth, daughter of Hon. Wriothesley Digby (sister of No. 2); Director of Hon. East India Company, d. 1820.

36. Bankes, William, of Winstanley Hall, High Sheriff of Lancashire 1784, married Mary Anne Bunney, sister of No. 16.

37. Mills, Francis (afterwards Rev.), Rector of Barford, married Catherine, daughter of Sir John Mordaunt, res. 1816, d. 1851.

38. Leggatt, Martin, res. 1827, of Weddington Hall.

39. Waldegrave, Earl, George, fourth Earl, d. 1789 at Packington Hall.

40. Warwick, Earl of, George, second Earl, res. 1809, d. 1816.

41. Mallory, Robert Harvey, of Woodcote, High Sheriff 1798, d. 1820.

42. Greville, Hon. Charles Francis, second son of first Earl Brooke and Warwick, res. 1793, d. 1809.

43. Gregory, Captain Francis (10th Hussars), of Styvechale, res. 1823, d. 1833.[1]

44. Grimes, Abraham, of Coton House, res. 1820, d. 1832.

45. Adams, Simon, of Ansty Hall, res. 1801, d. 1801. (The first Vice-President of the Society, an honour conceded to his representative ever since.)

M.F., 1793.

1787. 46. Smith, Rev. Richard, of Coleshill Hall, res. 1799.

47. Smythe, Sir Edward, of Acton Burnell, Shropshire, married Catherine Maria, daughter and heir of Peter Holford of Wooton, Warwickshire, d. 1811.

48. Edge, Thomas Webb, res. 1790, of Strelley Hall, Notts, son of John Webb of Sherborne, Warwickshire, High Sheriff of Notts 1804, d. 1819.

49. Bargus (perhaps the Rev. T. Bargus, afterwards Rector of Barkway, Herts).

50. Warner, George Henry Richard, of Wolston.

51. Legge, Heneage, res. 1818, son of Hon. Heneage Legge, Baron of the Exchequer, of Aston Hall, High Sheriff 1802, d. 1827.

52. Greatheed, Bertie, res. 1791, of Guy's Cliff.

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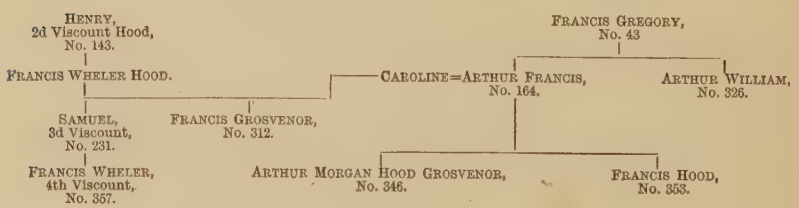
Henry, 2d Viscount Hood, No. 143.
Francis Gregory, No. 43
Francis Wheler Hood.
Caroline=Arthur Francis, No. 164.
Arthur William, No. 326.
Samuel, 3d Viscount, No. 231.
Francis Grosvenor, No. 312.
Francis Wheler, 4th Viscount, No. 357.
Arthur Morgan Hood Grosvenor, No. 346.
Francis Hood, No. 353.

1787. 53. Foster, John, jun., res. 1793, of Leicester Grange, Hinckley.
54. Holbech, William, of Mollington and Farnborough, High Sheriff 1774, M.P. for Banbury 1792-1796, d. 1812.
55. Birch, George, of Hamstead Hall, Handsworth, Staffordshire, d. 1807.
56. Champagne, George, res. 1788 (Rev.), Vicar of Stoke and Sowe 1777, of Nuneaton 1785.
57. Curtis, Charles, res. 1788, Rector of Solihull, and of St Martin's, Birmingham, d. 1829.
58. Knightley, John Wightwick, of Offchurch Bury, d. 1814.
59. Mills, Charles, of Barford, married Jane, daughter of Hon. Wriothesley Digby; East India Director, and M.P. for Warwick borough in six successive Parliaments, d. 1826.
60. Warren, Richard, res. 1790.
61. Dod, John, of Cloverly, Salop, captain in Leicestershire Militia.
62. Gresley, Richard, res. 1827, of Kenilworth, and of Stowe House, Staffordshire, Bencher of the Inner Temple (brother of No. 26).
Arrow, 1793, '97.
63. Digby, Kenelm, res. 1803, second son of Hon. Wriothesley Digby, d. 1812.[1]
64. Shaw, Charles, res. 1791, M.P. for Reading, married Helena, daughter and heiress of John Lefevre, assumed name of Lefevre, d. 1823.
65. Little, William, of Kenilworth and of Newbold Pacey, High Sheriff 1795, d. 1834.
S.V., 1790.
66. Buccleuch, Duke of, Henry, third Duke, married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of George, Duke of Montagu, Lord of the Manor of Dunchurch, co. Warwick, d. 1812.

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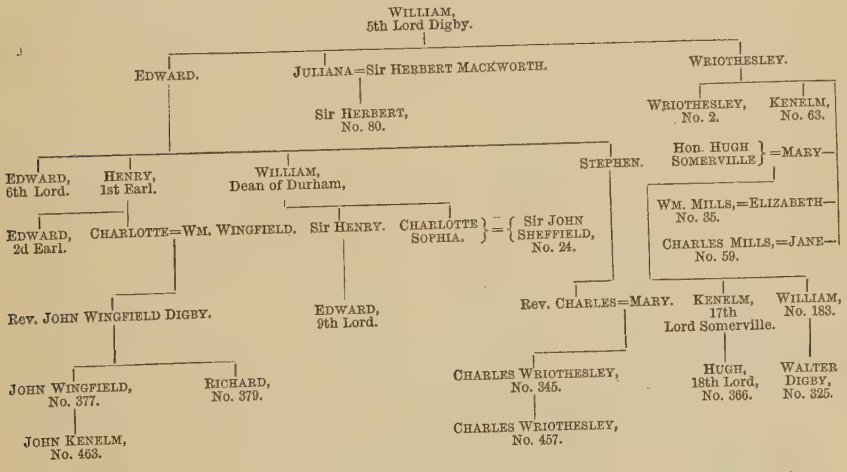

1787. 67. Coxe, William.
68. Disbrowe, Edward, res. 1789, of Walton Hall, Derbyshire.
69. Hewitt, Hon. William Williams, res. 1790, second son of first Lord Lifford, d. 1798.

1788. 70. Pigott, Captain James, res. 1790, Admiral of the Red 1799, d. at Beddington, Surrey, 1822.
71. Gresley, Sir Nigel Bowyer, res. 1793, of Drakelow, Derbyshire, seventh Baronet, d. 1808.
72. Blyth, Rev. Thomas, res. 1819, Rector of Overwhitacre and Knowle 1785, afterwards of Elmdon, d. 1838.
S.V., 1804.
73. Oliver, Rev. John, res. 1810, Rector of Swepstone, Leicestershire, 1787, d. 1832.
74. Sheldon, Ralph, res. 1791, of Weston, M.P. for Wilton, Colonel of Oxford Volunteers, d. 1822.
75. Fisher, Thomas, res. 1804, of Drayton Manor, afterwards Rev., and of Caldecote, Nuneaton.
76. Mundy, Edward Miller, res. 1803, of Shipley, Derbyshire, M.P. for Derby County for thirty years, married (as his second wife) Georgina, widow of Thomas, fourth Lord Middleton.
77. Boultbee, John, of Baxterley, d. 1837.
M.F., 1792; S.V., 1805.
78. Vincent, Richard, son of George Vincent of Shepey, Leicestershire, married widow of —— Adderley of Weddington.
79. Bracebridge, Abraham, res. 1807, of Atherstone Hall, High Sheriff 1809.

1789. 80. Mackworth, Sir Herbert, of Gnoll Castle, Glamorganshire, M.P. for Cardiff, and Col. Glamorgan Militia, d. 1791.
81. Wheler, Trevor, res. 1793 (see No. 120), succeeded as eighth Baronet 1821, d. 1830.

1790. 82. Lane, John, res. 1806, of Lincoln's Inn, and of King's Bromley Manor, Staffordshire, High Sheriff of Staffordshire 1806, d. 1824.[1]

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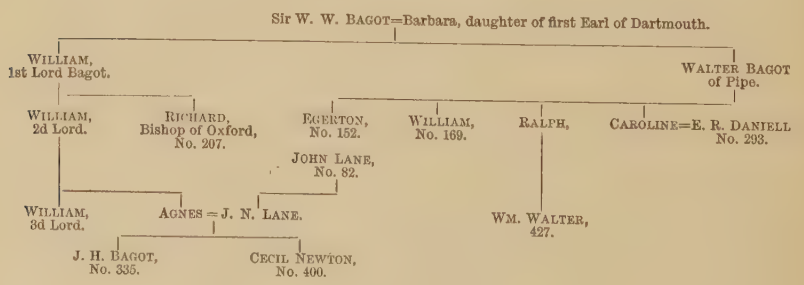
Sir W. W. Bagot=Barbara, daughter of first Earl of Dartmouth.
William, 1st Lord Bagot.
Walter Bagot of Pipe.
William, 2d Lord.
Richard, Bishop of Oxford, No. 207.
Egerton, No. 152.
William, No. 169.
Ralph,
Caroline=E. R. Daniell No. 293.
John Lane, No. 82.
William, 3d Lord.
Agnes = J. N. Lane.
Wm. Walter, 427.
J. H. Bagot, No. 335.
Cecil Newton, No. 400.

1790. 83. Arden, Rev. John, of Longcroft, Staffordshire, d. 1803.
84. Philips, Frederick, res. 1799.
M.F., 1791; S.V., 1793.

85. Bird, William Wilberforce, of the Spring, Kenilworth, married Penelope, daughter of Sir C. Wheler, Bart.
86. Dent, John, res. 1796 (Toxophilite), M.P. for Lancaster.
87. Perkins, Shirley Farmer Steele, res. 1828, of Orton-on-the-hill, Leicestershire, and Sutton Coldfield, d. 1852.
1791. 88. Wise, Matthew, jun., of Leamington Priors, High Sheriff 1822, d. 1825.
89. Arden, Humphrey, brother of No. 83, of Sutton Coldfield, Warden of Sutton 1799, d. 1809.
90. Staunton, William, res. 1804, of Longbridge, Captain 1st Life Guards, LL.B. St John's College, Oxford, d. 1849.
91. Sulivan, Stephen, res. 1800, of Ponsborne Park, Herts.
92. Grove, Edward, res. 1793, of Shenstone Park, Staffordshire, married Emilia, daughter of Sir E. C. Hartopp (No. 16), d. 1845.
93. Swinfen, John, res. 1793, of Swynfen, Staffordshire.
1792. 94. Cattell, Rev. Thomas, Rector of Berkswell, married Frances, daughter of Rev. John Mills, Rector of Barford, d. 1836.
M. F., 1813, '15; Arrow, 1809.

95. Wheler, Charles John, res. 1800, of Leamington Hastings, second son of seventh Baronet, d. 1856.
96. Geast, Dugdale Stratford[1] (assumed name of Dugdale in 1799) of Merevale, M.P. for Warwickshire 1802-1830, d. 1836.
1793. 97. Willis, Charles Wallett, of Pipe Hall, Erdington.
98. Spooner, Abraham, of Elmdon (assumed name of Lillingston).
99. Wise, Matthew Blacket, res. 1795, of the Priory, Warwick, High Sheriff 1807.
100. Hacket, Andrew, of Moxhull, High Sheriff 1814, married Letitia Penelope, daughter of Ralph Adderley, No. 30, d. 1815.
101. Inge, William Phillips, of Thorpe Constantine, High Sheriff of Staffordshire 1805, d. 1838.
102. Hudson, Charles Thomas, res. 1806, of Bilton, assumed name of Palmer in 1813, of Wanlip, Leicestershire, succeeded as second Baronet 1813, d. 1827.
103. Harding, William, res. 1805, of Baraset.
104. Mordaunt, Charles, res. 1821, succeeded as eighth Baronet 1801, M.P. for Warwickshire.
105. Smith, Francis, res. 1798 (Rev.), Rector of Grendon 1793.
1794. 106. Croxall, Edward, jun., of Shustoke, son of No. 11, d. 1827.

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[1] Heir in the fifth generation to Sir William Dugdale the antiquary.

1794. 107. Floyer, William Humberston Cawley, res. 1801 (took name of Floyer 1793, on succeeding to his uncle), of Hints, Staffordshire, d. 1857.

1795. 108. Shirley, Evelyn, of Eatington, High Sheriff 1793, d. 1810.

109. Ferrers, Edward, of Baddesley Clinton, d. 1795.

110. Dewes, Bernard, res. 1809, of Wellesbourne, d. 1822.

111. Sayer, John, of the Wick, Pershore, Worcestershire.

112. Verney, Hon. Henry, of Compton, succeeded 1820 as eighth Lord Willoughby de Broke, d. 1852.
M.F., 1811; Bugle, 1810.

113. Pye, Rev. Henry Anthony, res. 1807, son of Henry Pye of Faringdon and Clifton Campville, Rector of Lapworth and Prebendary of Worcester, d. 1839.

1796. 114. Grimes, Henry, res. 1816, of Coton, son of No. 44.

115. Holbech, William, jun., of Farnborough, d. 1856.
M.F., 1798.

1797. 116. Beresford, Rev. Gilbert, res. 1824, of Aylestone Rectory, Leicestershire, Rector of St Andrews, Holborn, 1812.
M.F., 1799; S.V., 1802; Arrow, 1798; Bugle, 1799.

117. Shuckburgh, John, res. 1823, of Bourton Hall, d. 1837.

118. Hume, Abraham, res. 1810, of Bilton, married Sarah, daughter of Sir Charles Wheler, Bart., d. 1846.

1798. 119. Okeover, Haughton Farmer, res. 1827, of Oldbury, High Sheriff co. Stafford, 1799.

120. Wheler, Trevor, readmitted, see No. 81, res. 1806.

1799. 121. Gosselin, Gerard, res. 1813, then of Sutton Coldfield, afterwards of Jersey, General in the Army, d. 1854.

122. Hippisley, Richard, res. 1807, of Shobroke, Devonshire, assumed name of Tuckfield, married Charlotte, daughter of Sir John Mordaunt, sister of No. 104, d. 1844.

123. Hudson, John Samuel, brother of No. 102, d. 1832.
Arrow, 1807; Bugle, 1812, '19.

124. Newdigate, Francis Parker, res. 1810, of Kirk Hallam and Arbury, d. 1835.

1800. 125. Hippisley, Rev. Henry, res. 1807, of Lambourne Place, Berks, brother of No. 122, d. 1838.

126. Skipwith, Gray, res. 1849, succeeded as eighth Baronet 1805, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1832, d. 1852.
S.V., 1806; Bugle, 1808.

127. Willoughby, Robert, res. 1821, of Cliffe, married daughter of Edward Croxall, No. 11, d. 1847.
M.F., 1808; Arrow, 1812, '13; Bugle, 1809.

128. West, James, of Barrells, afterwards of Alscot, High Sheriff 1810, d. 1838.

1801. 129. Brooke, Lord, Henry Richard, succeeded as third Earl of Warwick 1816, K.T., Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, d. 1853.

1801. 130. Breton, William Harvey, res. 1822, of Mancetter.
S.V., 1811.

1802. 131. Holbech, Henry Hugh, res. 1831, second son of No. 54, Barrister-at-Law, d. 1835.

132. Lawley, Francis, of Middleton Hall, M.P. for Warwickshire 1821, succeeded as seventh Baronet 1832, High Sheriff 1839, d. 1851.

1803. 133. Adams, Henry Cadwallader, of Ansty, High Sheriff 1837, d. 1842.
M.F., 1821, '27; S.V., 1815.

134. Ryder, Hon. and Rev. Henry, res. 1810, third son of first Lord Harrowby, Bishop of Gloucester 1815, of Lichfield and Coventry 1824, d. 1836.

1804. 135. Marindin, Samuel, res. 1812, of Chesterton, Shropshire.

136. Spooner, Isaac, res. 1834, of Witton, second son of Isaac Spooner of Elmdon, and brother of No. 98, d. 1849.

137. Guernsey, Lord, Heneage, succeeded as fifth Earl of Aylesford 1812, Lord Warden 1813, d. 1859.
M.F., 1809; S.V., 1825; Captain of Numbers, 1817, '18, 1823; Arrow, 1810, '16, '17, '18, 1826; Bugle, 1814, '16, '17, '18, 1823, '26.

138. Birch, Wyrley, res. 1814, son of No. 55, of Wretham Hall, Norfolk, d. 1866.

1805. 139. Lewisham, Viscount, William, succeeded as fourth Earl of Dartmouth 1810, d. 1853.[1]

1806. 140. Clonmell, Earl of, res. 1812, Thomas, second Earl, then of Allesley, married Henrietta Louisa, daughter of second Earl of Warwick, d. 1838.

141. Clavering, Rev. John, res. 1839, Rector of Morton Morell.
S.V., 1820; Arrow, 1820.

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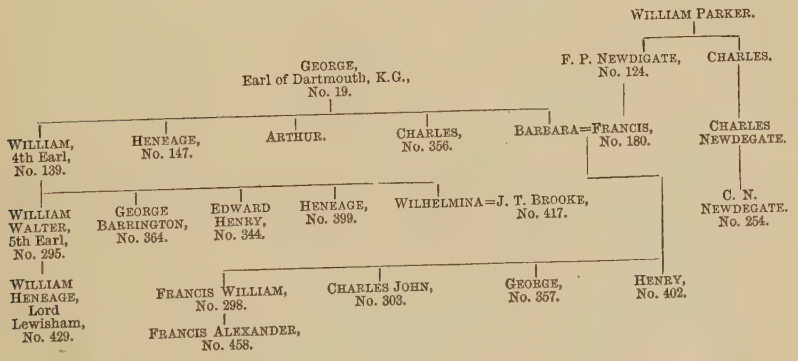

1806. 142. HARTOPP, GEORGE HARRY WILLIAM FLEETWOOD, eldest son of No. 16, M.P. for Dundalk, d. 1824.[1]

1807. 143. HOOD, LORD, res. 1816, HENRY, second Baron Hood of Catherington, succeeded as second Viscount Hood 1816, married Jane, daughter and heiress of Francis Wheler of Whitley, d. 1836.

144. HACKET, FRANCIS BEYNON, res. 1834, of Moor Hall, younger brother of No. 100, d. 1863.

145. HOLBECH, REV. CHARLES, res. 1822, third son of No. 54, Vicar of Farnborough, d. 1837.

146. WISE, REV. HENRY, res. 1830, of the Priory, Warwick, Vicar of Offchurch, d. 1850.

147. LEGGE, HON. HENEAGE, second son of No. 19, Commissioner of Customs, d. 1844.

M.F., 1826; Lieutenant of Numbers, 1825.

1809. 148. GRIMES, REV. GEORGE DIXWELL, res. 1822, son of No. 44, Rector of Alnwick, Northumberland.

149. FREER, REV. THOMAS LANE, res. 1826, Rector of Handsworth, Staffordshire.

150. WILMOT, JOHN EARDLEY EARDLEY, of Berkswell, High Sheriff 1819, created a Baronet 1821, M.P. for North Warwickshire 1832-1843, Governor of Tasmania, d. 1847.

M.F., 1816; Arrow, 1814.

1810. 151. ADAMS, REV. THOMAS COKER, second son of No. 45, Vicar of Ansty, Shilton, and Foleshill, Deputy Chairman of Warwickshire Quarter Sessions, Secretary 1826-1851, d. 1851.

M.F., 1812, 1823, '24, '25; S.V., 1818, 1822, 1830, '37, 1843; Arrow, 1822, 1833, '34; Bugle, 1830, '37, '38, 1844, '49, 1850; Captain, 1819, 1820, '21, '22, '25, '27, 1830, '31, '32, '33, '35, '36, '37, '38, '39, 1841, '49; Lieutenant, 1817, '18, 1823, '24, '26, '29, 1834, 1842, 1850.

152. BAGOT, REV. EGERTON ARDEN, of Pipe Hayes, married Elizabeth Isabella, daughter of Hon. and Rev. G. Bridgeman, d. 1861.

S.V., 1844; Arrow, 1811, 1829, 1832.

153. LAWLEY, PAUL BEILBY, res. 1818, third son of No. 34, assumed name of Thompson, M.P. for East Riding of Yorkshire 1832-1837, created Lord Wenlock 1839, d. 1852.

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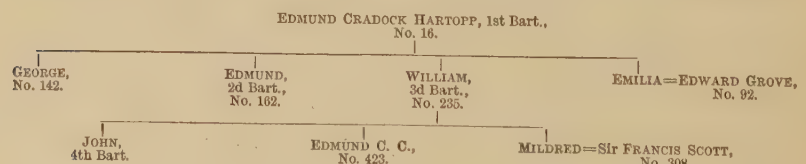
EDMUND CRADOCK HARTOPP, 1st Bart., No. 16.
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EDMUND, 2d Bart., No. 162.
WILLIAM, 3d Bart., No. 235.
EMILIA=EDWARD GROVE, No. 92.
JOHN, 4th Bart.
EDMUND C. C., No. 423.
MILDRED=Sir FRANCIS SCOTT, No. 308.

1810. 154. Palmer, Rev. Charles, res. 1858, Rector of Lighthorne, married Lady Charlotte Finch, daughter of No. 1.

M.F., 1819, 1820, 1835; S.V., 1816, '17, 1823, 1834; Arrow, 1815, 1824; Bugle, 1813, '15, 1820, 1841; Captain, 1824; Lieutenant, 1820, '28.

155. Beck, James, res. 1843, in Scots Greys, afterwards of Allesley Park, married Sarah Coker Adams, daughter of No. 45, d. 1848.

S.V., 1824; Arrow, 1819.

1811. 156. Palmer, William, res. 1822, elder brother of No. 154, assumed name of Morewood 1825, of Alfreton, Derbyshire, and Ladbroke, d. 1863.

1812. 157. Adderley, Charles Clement, res. 1815, son of No. 30, married Anna Maria Hartopp, daughter of No. 16, d. 1818.[1]

158. Boultbee, Joseph Moore, res. 1829 (see No. 261), of Springfield, son of No. 23, married Lady Elizabeth Townshend, daughter of second Marquess Townshend, Lieut.-Colonel 1st Warwickshire Militia, d. 1860.

159. Townsend, Thomas, res. 1818, eldest son of Gore Townsend, of Honington, d. 1820.

160. Ferrers, Edward, of Baddesley Clinton, son of No. 109, married Lady Harriett Townshend, daughter of second Marquess Townshend, d. 1830.

161. Finch, Hon. Daniel, second son of fourth Earl of Aylesford (No. 1), d. 1867.

M.F., 1817; S.V., 1847; Arrow, 1830; Bugle, 1828, 1836; Lieutenant of Numbers, 1830, '36.

1813. 162. Hartopp, Edmund Cradock, res. 1828 (see No. 305), second son of No. 16, succeeded as second Baronet 1833, d. 1849.

1814. 163. Shirley, Evelyn John, son of No. 108, High Sheriff 1813, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1835-1847, d. 1856.

164. Gregory, Arthur Francis, res. 1823, son of No. 43, High Sheriff 1843, d. 1853.

165. Boultbee, Rev. Richard Moore, res. 1836, second son of No. 23, Rector of Barnwell, Northamptonshire, d. 1874.

M.F., 1831; Bugle, 1824, 1832; Lieutenant of Numbers, 1819.

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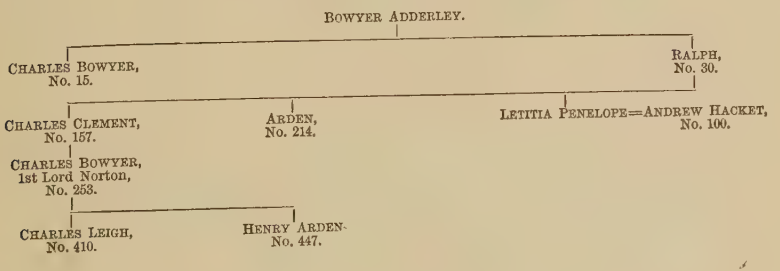
Bowyer Adderley.
Charles Bowyer, No. 15.
Ralph, No. 30.
Charles Clement, No. 157.
Arden, No. 214.
Letitia Penelope=Andrew Hacket, No. 100.
Charles Bowyer, 1st Lord Norton, No. 253.
Charles Leigh, No. 410.
Henry Arden, No. 447.

1815. 166. Wolferstan, Stanley Pipe, res. 1851, of Statfold, d. 1867.
Arrow, 1843; Bugle, 1835, 1843.

167. Willes, Edward, res. 1829, of Newbold Comyn, High Sheriff 1823, d. 1847.

168. Lucy, George, of Charlecote, M.P. for Fowey 1820, High Sheriff 1831, d. 1845.

169. Bagot, William, of Colwich, Staffordshire, second son of Walter Bagot of Pipe, and brother of No. 152, d. 1844.
M.F., 1837, '39; Arrow, 1825, 1835, '37, '39; Bugle, 1839; Lieutenant of Numbers, 1839.

170. Lucy, Rev. John, res. 1835, brother of No. 168, Rector of Hampton Lucy, d. 1874.

171. Adams, John, res. 1831, son of No. 45, Serjeant-at-Law, and Chairman of Middlesex Sessions, d. 1856.[1]

172. Finch, Hon. and Rev. Edward, res. 1828, third son of fourth Earl of Aylesford (No. 1), d. 1830.

173. Dilke, William, of Maxtoke, High Sheriff 1827, d. 1838.

1816. 174. Finch, Hon. John, res. 1847, fourth son of fourth Earl of Aylesford (No. 1), General in the Army, C.B., d. 1861.

175. Dickenson, Edward Wingfield, res. 1820, of Dosthill.

176. Leigh, Chandos, of Stoneleigh, High Sheriff 1825, created Lord Leigh 1839, d. 1850.

1817. 177. Tongue, Edward, res. 1857, of Aldridge, Staffordshire, married Sidney, daughter of Edward Croxall (No. 11), d. 1879.

178. Okeover, Rev. Charles Gregory, res. 1826, Rector of Baxterly, second son of No. 17, d. 1826.

1818. 179. Shuckburgh, Sir Francis, res. 1853, nephew of No. 33, eighth Baronet, High Sheriff 1844, d. 1876.
Arrow, 1823; Bugle, 1821, '22.

180. Newdigate, Francis, jun., res. 1839, of Kirk Hallam, resided at Astley Castle, d. 1862.

181. Chetwynd, William Fawkener, res. 1827, of Brocton Hall, Staffordshire, Major in the Army, M.P. for Stafford (town) 1835-1841, d. 1873.

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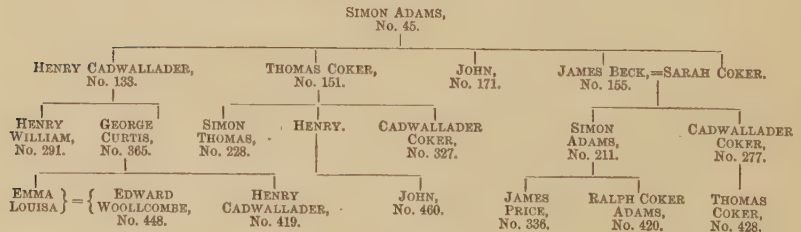
Simon Adams, No. 45.
Henry Cadwallader, No. 133.
Thomas Coker, No. 151.
John, No. 171.
James Beck, =Sarah Coker. No. 155.
Henry William, No. 291.
George Curtis, No. 365.
Simon Thomas, No. 238.
Henry.
Cadwallader Coker, No. 327.
Simon Adams, No. 211.
Cadwallader Coker, No. 277.
Emma Louisa } = { Edward Woollcombe, No. 448.
Henry Cadwallader, No. 419.
John, No. 460.
James Price, No. 336.
Ralph Coker Adams, No. 420.
Thomas Coker, No. 428.

1820. 182. Wynne, Charles Griffith, res. 1839, of Pooley Hall, and of Voelas, Denbighshire, son of Hon. Charles Finch, second son of third Earl of Aylesford, d. 1865.

183. Somerville, Rev. William, res. 1841, Rector of Barford, brother of 16th and 17th Lords Somerville, married Charlotte, daughter of Rev. Walter Bagot, sister of Nos. 152 and 169, d. 1857.

M.F., 1822, 1834, '36, '38; S.V., 1821, '27, 1839.

184. Newport, Viscount, George, succeeded as second Earl of Bradford 1825, d. 1865.[1]

S.V., 1836.

185. Steward, Samuel Edward, res. 1842, Colonel Warwickshire Militia, of Myton House, Leamington, d. 1853.

1821. 186. Denbigh, Earl of, res. 1828, William Basil Percy, seventh Earl, D.C.L., d. 1865.

187. Gresley, Rev. William, res. 1845, son of No. 63, Prebendary of Lichfield, Vicar of Boyn Hill, Berks, d. 1875.

Arrow, 1821; Bugle, 1825.

188. Payne, Charles Gillies, res. 1825, of Blunham, Bedfordshire, fourth Baronet, d. 1870.

189. Chetwynd, Henry, res. 1828, of Brocton Lodge, Staffordshire.

1822. 190. Dugdale, William Stratford, of Blyth, afterwards of Merevale, only son of No. 96, M.P. for North Warwickshire 1832-1847, d. 1871.

191. Bracebridge, Charles Holte, res. 1827, of Atherstone Hall, d. 1872.

192. Greville, Hon. Sir Charles John, second son of second Earl of Warwick (No. 40), Major-General, K.C.B., M.P. for Warwick (town) 1832, d. 1836.

193. West, Frederick Richard, res. 1825, of Ruthin Castle, N. Wales, d. 1862.

194. Bedford, Rev. William Riland, Rector of Sutton Coldfield, d. 1843.

1823. 195. Bradford, Earl of, Orlando, first Earl, d. 1825.

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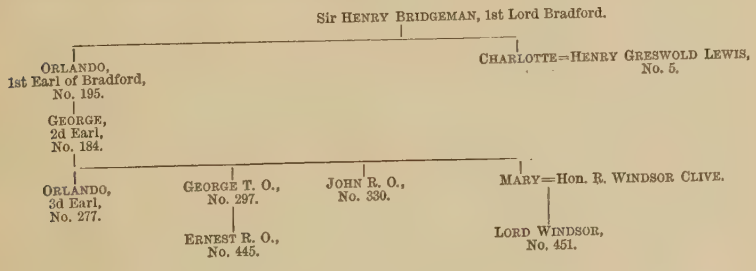
Sir Henry Bridgeman, 1st Lord Bradford.
Orlando, 1st Earl of Bradford, No. 195.
Charlotte=Henry Gresswold Lewis, No. 5.
George, 2d Earl, No. 184.
Orlando, 3d Earl, No. 277.
George T. O., No. 297.
John R. O., No. 330.
Mary=Hon. R. Windsor Clive.
Ernest R. O., No. 445.
Lord Windsor, No. 451.

1823. 196. Finch, Hon. and Rev. Charles, sixth son of fourth Earl of Aylesford (No. 1), Rector of Packington, d. 1859.
M.F., 1830, 1840, '48; S.V., 1832, '33, '38; Arrow, 1836, 1841, '42, '44, 1853, '54; Bugle, 1827, 1833, 1854; Captain, 1826, 1844, '46, '48; Lieutenant, 1827, 1832, '33, '35, '38, 1840, '43, '45, '47.

197. Sitwell, Rev. Hervey Wilmot, res. 1826, of Stainsby, Derbyshire, Vicar of Leamington Hastings, d. 1862.

198. Freer, John Lane, res. 1832, son of No. 149.

1824. 199. Shirley, Charles, res. 1839, second son of No. 108, d. 1855.
S.V., 1831.

200. Drinkwater, John, res. 1844, of Sherbourn, d. 1856.
S.V., 1841.

1825. 201. Gresley, Richard Newcombe, res. 1837, second son of No. 63, of the Middle Temple, d. 1850.
Arrow, 1827; Bugle, 1831; Captain of Numbers, 1828.

202. Lillingston, Isaac William, res. 1834, of Elmdon, son of No. 98, d. 1850.
M.F., 1828, '29; S.V., 1828; Arrow, 1828; Bugle, 1829; Captain of Numbers, 1829.

203. Wise, Matthew, son of No. 87, of Shrublands, Leamington, d. 1864.

1826. 204. Knightley, John Wightwick, of Offchurch Bury, d. 1830.

205. Steward, Rev. Henry Edward, res. 1833, of Wasperton (see No. 262), d. 1874.

206. Wise, Henry Christopher, son of No. 146, of Woodcote, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1865-1874, d. 1883.

207. Bagot, Hon. and Rev. Richard, res. 1831, second son of first Lord Bagot, Bishop of Oxford 1829, of Bath and Wells 1846, d. 1854.
S.V., 1826.

208. Mallory, Henry, of Woodcote, d. 1831.

1827. 209. Mordaunt, Sir John, ninth baronet, son of No. 104, High Sheriff 1833, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1837, d. 1845.

210. Dewes, Bernard, res. 1835 (see No. 311), afterwards Granville of Wellesbourne.

211. Beck, Simon Adams, eldest son of No. 155, of Cheam, Surrey, forty-eight years Clerk to the Ironmongers' Company, d. 1883.
M.F., 1845, '49, 1863; Arrow, 1871.

212. Chadwick, Hugo Mavesyn, of Mavesyn Ridware, Staffordshire, and New Hall, d. 1854.

213. Wren, Christopher Roberts, of Wroxhall, High Sheriff 1820, d. 1828.

214. Adderley, Arden, res. 1832, Admiral R.N.

215. Curtis, Capt. Timothy, R.N., res. 1828, son of No. 57.

1828. 216. Rutson, William, res. 1831, of Newby Wiske, Yorkshire, High Sheriff of Yorkshire 1850.

217. Lillingston, Charles, res. 1832, second son of No. 98.
S.V., 1829.

218. Burroughs, Rev. William Hamilton, res. 1843 (see No. 319), Curate of Berkswell, afterwards Rector of Ditton, Kent.
M.F., 1832; Captain of Numbers, 1834; Lieutenant, 1831, '37.

219. King, Edward Bolton, res. 1838, of Chadshunt and Umberslade, High Sheriff 1830, M.P. for Warwick (town) 1832, for South Warwickshire 1865, Lieut.-Colonel Warwickshire Yeomanry, d. 1878.

220. Granville, Court Dewes, res. 1842, of Wellesbourne, father of No. 210, d. 1848.

221. Reynolds, Henry Revel, res. 1831, Commissioner in Bankruptcy (see No. 237).

222. Perkins, Rev. Frederick David, res. 1855, Vicar of Stoke and Sowe, d. 1856.

1829. 223. Lillingston, Alfred, res. 1827, third son of No. 98, of Southwold, Suffolk, d. 1866.

1830. 224. Gresley, Richard, readmitted (see No. 62), resided at Meriden Hall, d. 1850.

1831. 225. Craven, Earl of, William, second Earl, Lord Lieut. of Warwickshire 1853, d. 1866.

226. Wilmot, John Eardley Eardley, res. 1841, eldest son of No. 150, succeeded as second Bart. 1847, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1874.

227. Clive, Rev. Archer, res. 1848, Rector of Solihull, of Whitfield, co. Hereford, d. 1878.

228. Adams, Rev. Simon Thomas, res. 1855, son of No. 151, Fellow of New College, Oxford, Rector of Great Horwood, Bucks.
Arrow, 1848.

229. Boultbee, John, jun., of Westrock House, Leamington, and of Baxterley, d. 1880.
Arrow, 1831.

230. Hewitt, Hon. James, res. 1839, succeeded as fourth Viscount Lifford 1855.

231. Hood, Samuel, succeeded as third Viscount Hood 1836, d. 1846.

232. Assheton, William, jun., res. 1834, of Brandon, and of Downham, Lancashire, d. 1858.

233. Grant, William, res. 1845 (Toxophilite), of Lichborough, Towcester.

1832. 234. Holbech, Captain George, R.N., res. 1832, fifth son of No. 52.

235. Hartopp, William Edmund Cradock, son of No. 16, succeeded as third Baronet 1849, d. 1864.
M.F., 1844, '46, '47.

1832. 236. Biddulph, Rev. John, Rector of Frankton, d. 1837.

237. Reynolds, Henry Revel, readmitted (see No. 221), res. 1836.

238. Wilson, William Henry Bowen Jordan, res. 1853, of Olton Hall.

239. Norbury, John George, res. 1833, of Mancetter Lodge, d. 1849.

240. West, James Roberts, res. 1879, of Alscot, High Sheriff 1845, d. 1882.

1833. 241. Fetherston, John, res. 1850, son of No. 9, of Packwood.

242. Bellairs, Rev. Henry, res. 1862, Rector of Bedworth, d. 1872.

Arrow, 1838, 1840.

243. Biddulph, Rev. Henry, fifth son of fifth Baronet, Rector of Birdingbury, d. 1867.

1834. 244. Wise, Rev. John, res. 1841, second son of No. 88, Vicar of Lillington, d. 1874.

245. Webster, Rev. Joseph, eldest son of Joseph Webster of Penns, Rector of Hindlip, Worcestershire, d. 1858.

M.F., 1842; Lieutenant of Numbers, 1844.

246. Staunton, Rev. William, son of No. 90, Rector of Tachbrooke, d. 1860.

M.F., 1854; S.V., 1835, 1840; Arrow, 1847; Bugle, 1834; Captain of Numbers, 1840; Lieutenant, 1841.

247. Cave, John Robert Cave Browne, res. 1852, succeeded as tenth Baronet 1838, d. 1855.

248. Grimes, Henry, res. 1838, of Ashfurlong, son of No. 114, d. 1850, married Maria Chetwynd, sister of No. 289.

1835. 249. Parker, Admiral Sir William, K.C.B., res. 1841, G.C.B. 1842, Baronet 1844, of Shenstone, Staffordshire, d. 1866.

250. Holbech, Hugh, son of No. 115, d. 1849.

251. Peel, Right Hon. Sir Robert, second Baronet, of Drayton Manor, M.P. for Oxford University, and afterwards for Tamworth, Prime Minister, d. 1850.

1836.*252. Adderley, Charles Bowyer, son of No. 157, M.P. for North Staffordshire 1841-1878, created Lord Norton.

253. Manley, John Shawe, res. 1850, of Thickbroom, Staffordshire, High Sheriff of Staffordshire 1853, d. 1857.

*254. Newdegate, Charles Newdigate, of Arbury, M.P. for North Warwickshire 1843 to the present time.

255. Fullerton, John, res. 1855, of Bourton, and of Thrybergh, Yorkshire, married Louisa, daughter of Sir Gray Skipwith No. 126, d. 1871.

1837. 256. Leigh, William, res. 1841, of Little Aston, Staffordshire, d. 1873.

257. Parker, Rev. John Thomas, Rector of Newbold-on-Avon, married Anne, daughter of Sir Gray Skipwith, No. 126, d. 1852.

Arrow, 1846.

1837. 258. Grimes, Edward, res. 1840, son of No. 114, Auditor-General of Victoria, d. 1859.

259. Fielding, Lieut.-Colonel William George Augustus, res. 1841, of Street Ashton House, Monks Kirby.

260. Shirreff, Rev. Samuel Brett, Rector of Berkswell, d. 1865.

1838. 261. Boultbee, Joseph Moore, readmitted (see No. 158), d. 1860.

262. Steward, Rev. Henry Edward, res. 1849, readmitted (see No. 205).

M.F., 1843; S.V., 1848.

263. Hibbert, Captain John Hubert Washington, res. 1858, of Bilton Grange.

264. Powell, Rev. Henry Townsend, res. 1838, Rector of Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

265. Turner, Rev. Arthur, res. 1839, Rector of Ladbroke.

266. Lucena, Rev. Charles John, res. 1838, of Ansley.

267. Dilke, Captain Thomas, R.N., son of No. 4, High Sheriff 1848, d. 1853.

Bugle, 1840.

268. Bridges, Thomas (Toxophilite), of Elmer, Surrey, son of Thomas Bridges of Tooting, d. 1867.

M.F., 1841; S.V., 1846.

1839.*269. Brooke, Lord, George Guy, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1845-1850, succeeded as fourth Earl of Warwick 1853.

270. Parmenter, Hercy, res. 1847 (Toxophilite), 4 St Albans Place, St James's.[1]

271. Cooke, Rev. George Leigh, res. 1851, Rector of Cubbington, d. 1854.

272. Woodhouse, William Herbert, res. 1842, of Lisways, Longdon, Staffordshire, now of Wolmers, Hants.

273. Taylor, James Arthur, res. 1858, of Streynsham, Worcestershire, M.P. for East Worcestershire 1841-1847.

274. Pilkington, Rev. Charles, Rector of Stockton, and Canon of Chichester, d. 1871.

1840. 275. Acland, Hugh Woodhouse, res. 1842, son of Hugh Dyke Acland, second son of Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, d. 1851.

276.*Newport, Viscount, res. 1853 (see No. 397), Orlando George Charles, M.P. for South Shropshire 1841-1865, succeeded as third Earl of Bradford, Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire.

277.*Beck, Cadwallader Coker, afterwards Rev., youngest son of No. 155, Vicar of Foleshill 1843-1879, Rector of Crowell, Oxfordshire.

M.F., 1850, 1861, '69, 1871; S.V., 1845, 1851, '53, 1860, 1875, 1880; Arrow, 1845, 1851, '58, 1861, '66, 1872, '74; Bugle, 1842, '45, '46, '47, '48, 1851, '52, '55, '56, 1864, '68, '69,

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[1] With this gentleman's name a curious entry in the books of the Royal Toxophilite Society is connected. See Appendix.

1871, '73, '76, '77, 1882; Captain, 1842, '43, '45, '47, 1850, '54, '58, 1863, '65, '66, '67, '69, 1874, '76, 1881; Lieutenant, 1846, '49, 1851, '55, '57, 1868, 1871, '72, '73, '79, 1880, '82; Warden's Medal, 1865, '66, '69, 1873, '74, '76, '77, '79, 1880; Arden Medal, 1860.

1840. 278. Biddulph, Theophilus, of Birdingbury, succeeded as sixth Baronet 1841, High Sheriff 1849, d. 1854.

279. Caldecott, Charles Marriot, of Holbrook Grange, Rugby, High Sheriff 1863, d. 1883.

S.V., 1857.

280. Gooch, Rev. Frederick, res. 1850, Rector of Baginton, D.C.L.

281. Warde, Charles Thomas, res. 1843, of Clopton House, High Sheriff 1846, d. 1865.

1842. 282. Reid, Robert, res. 1845, of Alveston.

283. Harding, Charles, res. 1845, of Avon Cliffe, second son of No. 103.

284. Walford, Joseph Greene, res. 1850 (Toxophilite), Barrister-at-Law and Commissioner of Customs.

285. Alston, William Charles, of Elmdon, High Sheriff 1854, married Elizabeth Fetherston, daughter of No. 6, d. 1862.

286. Woodroffe, Skynner George (Toxophilite), of Mavesyn Ridware, Staffordshire, d. 1848.

1843. 287. Lifford, Viscount, James, third Lord, of Astley Castle, d. 1855.

288. Hillsborough, Earl of, res. 1847, Arthur, succeeded as fourth Marquess of Downshire 1845, d. 1868.

289. Chetwynd, George, res. 1856, of Grendon, succeeded as third Baronet 1850, married Lady Charlotte Hill, sister of preceding, d. 1869.

290. Smith, John, res. 1848, of Sutton Coldfield, now of Brightwell Park, Oxfordshire.

1844. 291. Adams, Lieut.-Colonel Henry William, of Ansty, son of No. 133, General in Army, K.C.B., mortally wounded at Inkerman, and died at Scutari 1854.

292. Gooch, Capt. George Thomas, R.N., brother of No. 280, res. 1868, d. 1876.

S.V., 1855.

293. Daniell, Edmund Robert, of Meriden Hall, Commissioner of Bankruptcy, married Caroline, daughter of Rev. Walter Bagot, sister of Nos. 152 and 169, d. 1854.

1845. 294. Guernsey, Lord, Heneage, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1849-1859, succeeded as sixth Earl of Aylesford 1859, Lord Warden, d. 1871.

S.V., 1866; Bugle, 1868.

*295. Lewisham, Lord, William Walter, M.P. for South Staffordshire 1849, married Lady Augusta Finch, daughter of No. 137, succeeded as fifth Earl of Dartmouth 1853. Secretary 1852-1862.

M.F., 1851.

1845. *296. Leigh, Hon. William Henry, succeeded as second Lord Leigh 1850, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire.

297. Bridgeman, Hon. George Thomas Orlando, res. 1852, second son of No. 184 (afterwards Rev.), Rector of Wigan, and Chaplain to the Queen.

*298. Newdigate, Francis William, son of No. 180, Lieut.-Colonel Coldstream Guards.

299. Scholfield, Rev. Philip, res. 1860, Curate of Meriden.
Arden Medal, 1858.

1846. *300. Bree, Rev. William, Rector of Allesley.

301. Peel, Right Hon. William Yates, second son of first Sir Robert Peel, M.P. for Tamworth 1835-1837, P.C., d. 1858.

1847. 302. Gregory, Arthur Francis, readmitted (see No. 164), d. 1853.

303. Newdigate, Rev. Charles John, second son of No. 180, Rector of West Hallam, d. 1876.
M.F., 1857; S.V., 1850, '52, 1871.

304. Kenney, Rev. Arthur Robert, res. 1863, Rector of Bourton, assumed name of Herbert, d. 1883.

305. Hartopp, Sir Edmund Cradock, Bart., readmitted (see No. 162), d. 1849.

1848. 306. Lucy, William Fulke, of Charlecote, d. 1848.

307. Wrottesley, Hon. Arthur, res. 1851, succeeded as third Lord Wrottesley 1867, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire.

308. Scott, Sir Francis Edward, res. 1860, of Great Barr, Staffordshire, d. 1863.

309. Smythe, Rev. Patrick Murray, res. 1850 (see No. 404), Rector of Solihull, d. 1872.

310. Garnett, Robert, res. 1880, then residing at Moor Hall.
M.F., 1852, '53; S.V., 1856; Arrow, 1856; Captain of Numbers, 1851, '52; Lieutenant, 1848, '53; Arden Medal, 1858.

1849. 311. Granville, Bernard, readmitted (see No. 210), d. 1869.
Arrow, 1849, 1850, '52, '55; Captain of Numbers, 1853; Lieutenant, 1852.

312. Hood, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Francis Grosvenor Grenadier Guards, brother of No. 231, killed in Crimea 1854.

313. Mildmay, Rev. Charles Arundel St John, res. 1849 (see No. 333), Rector of Lapworth.

314. Noel, Berkeley Plantagenet Guildford Charles, res. 1856, of Moxhull, son of Hon. Berkeley Noel, and Letitia, daughter of No. 30 and widow of No. 100.

*315. Bedford, William Kirkpatrick Riland (afterwards Rev.), son of No. 194, Rector of Sutton Coldfield.
M.F., 1859, 1862, 1878; S.V., 1858; Arrow, 1863, 1870; Bugle, 1859, 1870, '79, 1880; Captain of Numbers, 1855; Lieutenant, 1856, '58, '59; Arden Medal, 1857.

1850. 316. Feilding, Hon. Percy Robert Basil, res. 1852, second son of No. 186, Lieut.-Colonel Coldstream Guards, General in Army, C.B.

317. Scott, Edward Dolman, res. 1859, brother of No. 308, succeeded as sixth Baronet 1884.

318. Wolferstan, Francis Stafford Pipe, res. 1862, son of No. 166.

319. Burroughs, Rev. William Hamilton, readmitted, res. 1853, see No. 218.

320. Calthorpe, Hon. Frederick Henry William Gough, res. 1865, M.P. for East Worcestershire 1859, succeeded as fifth Lord Calthorpe 1868.

321. Freeman, Rev. Robert, Vicar of Astley, d. 1855.

1851. 322. Biddulph, Theophilus William, res. 1878, son of No. 278, succeeded as seventh Baronet 1854, d. 1883.

323. Manley, Augustus East, res. 1869, son of No. 253.

324. Shuckburgh, George Thomas Francis, res. 1875, Major Scots Guards, son of No. 179, succeeded as ninth Baronet 1876, d. 1883.

325. Somerville, Walter Digby, res. 1853, son of No. 183, d. 1865.

326. Gregory, Rev. Arthur William, res. 1863, second son of No. 43, Rector of Corley, d. 1876.

1852. 327. Adams, Rev. Cadwallader Coker, res. 1866, second son of No. 151, Vicar of Ansty.

328. Taylor, William Francis, res. 1877, of Moseley Hall, brother of No. 273, now of Newport House, Eardisley, Herefordshire.

329. Luard, Rev. Octavius, res. 1862 (Toxophilite), Rector of Aunsby, Sleaford, d. 1883.

1853.*330. Bridgeman, Hon. John Robert Orlando (afterwards Rev.), third son of No. 184, Rector of Weston-under-Lyziard.

M.F., 1858, 1860; S.V., 1863; Bugle, 1861.

*331. Granville, Major Frederic, 23d Regiment, brother of No. 210, Colonel 2d Warwick Militia.

Secretary 1862-1871.

S.V., 1854, 1865; Captain of Numbers, 1856, 1864; Lieutenant, 1854, 1860, '61, '63, '65, '67, 1870; Arden Medal, 1861.

*332. Palmer, Henry Charles, son of No. 154, late Captain Warwickshire Militia.

Arrow, 1860, '68, 1879, 1881; Bugle, 1857, 1863, 1878.

333. Mildmay, Rev. Charles Arundel St John, res. 1854, readmitted, see No. 313.

334. Calthorpe, Hon. Augustus Cholmondeley Gough, res. 1862, of Perry Hall, Staffordshire, brother of No. 320.

335. Lane, John Henry Bagot, res. 1868, grandson of No. 82, late Lieut.-Colonel Coldstream Guards, of King's Bromley, Staffordshire.

1853. 336. Beck, James Price, res. 1870, eldest son of No. 211, of Oriel Coll. Oxford, first class Classics and Ireland Scholar, Barrister-at-Law, d. 1871.

M.F., 1855; Bugle, 1853.

337. Willoughby de Broke, Lord, Robert John, ninth Baron, d. 1862.

1854. 338. Granville, Rev. Granville John, res. 1869, brother of No. 210, Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon, d. 1871.

339. Dugdale, William Stratford, jun., res. 1880, eldest son of No. 190, High Sheriff 1876, d. 1882.

340. Hardy, John, res. 1876, of Dunstall Hall, Staffordshire, married Laura Holbech, daughter of No. 115, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1868-1874, created a Baronet 1876.

Arrow, 1857.

*341. Arkwright, John Thomas, of Hatton, High Sheriff 1871.

342. Whateley, George, of Waterloo Street, Birmingham, d. 1873.

343. Richards, Westley, jun., res. 1869, of Ashwell, Rutlandshire.

1855. 344. Legge, Hon. Edward Henry, res. 1872, third son of No. 139, late Lieut.-Colonel Coldstream Guards.

345. Digby, Charles Wriothesley, of Studland Manor, Wareham, d. 1873.

346. Gregory, Captain Arthur Morgan Grosvenor Hood, res. 1869, eldest son of No. 164, Captain Scots Guards, d. 1883.

347. Wynne, William Griffith, son of No. 182, d. 1863.

348. Smith, Gustavus Thomas, res. 1864, of Goldicote, d. 1875.

*349. Perkins, George Duncombe, grandson of No. 87, Lieut.-Colonel 2d Warwickshire Militia.

350. Harding, Rev. Henry, res. 1861, Rector of Stapleton, Shropshire, d. 1863.

*351. Newdigate, George, fifth son of No. 180, ret. Lieut.-Colonel 5th Battalion Derbyshire Regiment.

M.F., 1867; S.V., 1859, 1869; Bugle, 1875.

1856. 352. Mordaunt, Sir Charles, res. 1858, eldest son of No. 209, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1865-1868, High Sheriff 1879.

*353. Gregory, Francis Hood, second son of No. 164, Major 15th Hussars, now of Styvechall.

M.F., 1883; S.V., 1861; Arden Medal, 1880.

*354. Townsend, Frederick, of Honington, nephew of No. 159.

M.F., 1856, 1864; Arrow, 1859, 1862, '64; Bugle, 1860, '62, '66; Captain of Numbers, 1857, '59, 1860, '61, '62; Lieut., 1864, '66; Warden's Medal, 1864; Arden Medal, 1857.

355. Wingfield, John Digby, jun., res. 1861, see No. 377, of Coleshill.

1857. 356. Legge, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Arthur Charles, res. 1862, fourth son of No. 19, General in Army, Hon. Colonel 1st Staffordshire Volunteers.

1858. 357. Hood, Viscount, res. 1875, Francis Wheler, son of No. 231.

358. Scott, Lord John Douglas, third son of fourth Duke of Buccleuch, of Causton Lodge, Dunchurch, d. 1860.

359. Levett, Robert Thomas Kennedy, res. 1863, of Packington, Staffordshire, Lieut.-Colonel 2d North Staffordshire Volunteers.

360. Jarrett, John, of Sherborne House, and Cameston Court, Co. Somerset, d. 1863.

361. Finch, Major the Hon. Daniel Greville, second son of No. 137, Lieut.-Colonel 24th Regiment, d. 1882.

1859. 362. Dilke, Charles Fetherston, of Maxtoke, son of No. 241, d. 1877.

*363. Howman, Rev. Edward James, Rector of Bedworth, now of Chinnor, Oxon., Secretary 1871-1876.

S.V., 1872, '73; Arrow, 1865, '69; Bugle, 1872; Captain of Numbers, 1872, '73; Lieutenant, 1862, 1874; Arden Medal, 1859.

1860. 364. Legge, Hon. and Rev. George Barrington, res. 1869, second son of No. 139, Rector of Packington, afterwards of Whittington.

365. Adams, Captain George Curtis, R.N., of Ansty, son of No. 133, d. 1884.

M.F., 1868; S.V., 1862; Arden Medal, 1860.

366. Somerville, Hon. Hugh, succeeded as eighteenth Lord Somerville 1864, d. 1868.

*367. Leigh, Hon. James Wentworth (afterwards Rev.), son of No. 176, Rector of St Mary's, Bryanston Square, London.

368. Chadwick, John de Heley, res. 1873, son of No. 212, Captain 9th Lancers.

*369. Dugdale, John Stratford, second son of No. 190, Q.C., Recorder of Birmingham 1877, Chairman Warwick Quarter Sessions 1883.

1861. 370. Ridding, Rev. William, res. 1862, Vicar of Meriden, married Caroline Caldecott, daughter of No. 279.

371. Uffington, Viscount, William Augustus Frederick, eldest son of No. 225, d. 1865.

*372. Mynors, Rev. Thomas Hassal, Vicar of St Patrick's, Hockley.

373. Levett, Major Edward, res. 1871, 10th Hussars, brother of No. 359.

374. Boultbee, Captain Henry Townshend, res. 1880, late Royal Artillery, son of No. 158, High Sheriff 1865.

*375. Miller, Rev. William Sanderson, res. 1880 (see No. 460), of Radway Grange.

M.F., 1872, '73; S.V., 1867; Arrow, 1873, '77; Lieutenant of Numbers, 1869; Warden's Medal, 1868.

1861. 376. Lea, Rev. Abel Humphreys, Rector of Lighthorne, d. 1873.

1862. 377. Digby, John Digby Wingfield, readmitted (see No. 355), res. 1873.

1863. 378. Cartwright, Rev. Theodore John, Rector of Preston Bagot, d. 1868.

379. Digby, Rev. Richard Digby Wingfield, brother of No. 355, d. 1876.

380. Hippisley, Henry, res. 1879, of Lambourne Place, Berkshire.

M.F., 1866; S.V., 1864.

381. Whateley, John Welchman, res. 1872, of Edgbaston Hall, married Lucy Spooner, daughter of No. 136, d. 1874.

382. Astley, Rev. Benjamin Buckler Giffard Ludford, res. 1863, Vicar of Merevale.

383. Boughey, Thomas Fletcher, res. 1868, of Aqualate, Staffordshire, succeeded as third Baronet 1879.

384. Howman, Rev. George Ernest, res. 1878, assumed name of Little, Rector of Barnesley, Cirencester, father of No. 363.

S.V., 1874.

385. Sitwell, Rev. Degge Wilmot, res. 1869, Vicar of Leamington, Hastings, nephew of No. 197.

*386. Bedford, Captain Richard Bisse Riland, third son of No. 194, late Cameron Highlanders, Hon. Colonel 3d Staffordshire Volunteers.

1864.*387. Wise, George, of Woodcote, son of No. 206.

*388. Waller, Rev. Ernest Alured, Rector of Packington. Secretary 1876 to the present time.

M.F., 1865, 1870; S.V., 1868; Arrow, 1882, '83; Bugle, 1865, '67, 1883; Warden's Medal, 1878, 1881.

1865. 389. Willoughby de Broke, Lord, res. 1872, Henry, 17th Baron, son of No. 337.

390. Clerk, John, res. 1878, of Rolleston Hall, Leicestershire, Q.C., Treasurer of Inner Temple 1885, third son of Right Hon. Sir George Clerk of Penicuik.

391. Gibson, Rev. John Sumner, res. 1873, of Corley Rectory.

*392. Capel, Rev. William Rawlins, Vicar of Bickenhill.

M.F., 1881; Bugle, 1874.

393. Pretyman, Arthur Charles, res. 1869, of Camp Hill, Nuneaton, and Haughley Park, Suffolk.

1866.*394. Skipwith, Rev. Humberston Cawley, fourth son of No. 126, Vicar of Hamstall-Ridware, Staffordshire.

M.F., 1884; S.V., 1870, 1882; Arrow, 1867, 1884; Bugle, 1881; Captain of Numbers, 1868, 1870, '71, '75, 1880; Lieutenant, 1877, '78; Warden's Medal, 1867, 1870, '71, '72, '75, 1884.

395. Bromley, William Davenport, assumed name of Davenport 1867, of Baginton, Lieut.-Colonel Staffordshire Yeomanry, M.P. for North Warwickshire 1864-1884, d. 1884.

1866. 396. Guernsey, Lord, eldest son of No. 294, succeeded as seventh Earl of Aylesford 1871, Lord Warden, d. 1885.
1868.*397. Bradford, Earl of, readmitted (see No. 276).
*398. Alston, William Charles, eldest son of No. 285, High Sheriff 1884, Captain Warwickshire Yeomanry.
399. Legge, Hon. Heneage, res. 1879, eighth son of No. 139, Lieut.-Colonel 9th Lancers.
400. Lane, Captain Cecil Newton, res. 1878, brother of No. 335, Colonel 1st Staffordshire Militia, late President of Cephalonia, C.M.G.
401. Hamilton, Sir Robert North Collie, Bart., res. 1874, of Avon Cliff, Stratford, late Member of Council of India, K.C.B.
*402. Newdigate, Colonel Henry, Rifle Brigade, seventh son of No. 180.
403. Townsend, Charles, res. 1880, of Alveston, nephew of No. 159.
1869. 404. Smythe, Rev. Patrick Murray, readmitted, see No. 309, d. 1872.
405. Lindsay, Robert Webber, res. 1880, of Barford, Warwick.
406. Fanshawe, Rev. Arthur Adolphus, res. 1875, Rector of Bubbenhall.
1870.*407. Arkwright, Ferdinand William, sixth son of Peter Arkwright of Willersley, Derby, brother of No. 341.
408. Petre, Edward Henry, res. 1878, of Whitley Abbey, High Sheriff 1877.
409. Hacket, George Algernon Beynon Disney, res. 1876, grandson of No. 144.
410. Adderley, Charles Leigh, res. 1871, eldest son of No. 252.
*411. Wood, Edward Herbert, of Newbold Revel.
412. Dugdale, James, of Wroxhall Abbey, High Sheriff 1868, d. 1876.
*413. Howman, Henry Arthur, grandson of Rev. R. Howman, Rector of Hockering, cousin to No. 364 and No. 384.

M.F., 1876, '77, 1880, '82; S.V., 1879; Bugle, 1884; Captain of Numbers, 1877, '79, 1882; Lieut., 1875, '76, 1881; Warden's Medal, 1882.

*414. Finch, Hon. Charles Wightwick, second son of No. 294, Major 1st Stafford Militia, succeeded as eighth Earl of Aylesford, 1885. Lord Warden 1885.
*415. Hardy, Reginald, eldest son of No. 340.
416. Brooke, John Townshend, res. 1875, of Haughton Hall, Shropshire, married Lady Wilhelmina Legge, daughter of No. 139.
*417. Peel, Right Hon. Sir Frederick, second son of No. 251, of Hampton in Arden, K.C.M.G., High Sheriff 1873.
1872.*418. Wise, William George (afterwards Rev.), third son of No. 203, Vicar of St John Baptist, Leamington.

1872.*419. Adams, Henry Cadwallader, eldest son of No. 365.
*420. Beck, Ralph Coker Adams, son of No. 211.
*421. Alston, James Fetherston, second son of No. 285.
M.F., 1874; S.V., 1881.
*422. Greenway, Kelynge, of Halloughton Hall.
*423. Hartopp, Edmund Charles Cradock, second son of No. 235, late Rifle Brigade.
S.V., 1877; Arrow, 1878, 1880.

1873. 424. Beech, Rowland John, res. 1879, son of James Beech of Brandon, 2d Life Guards.
*425. Short, Rev. John Holbeche, Vicar of Temple Balsall.
*426. Willett, Rev. Albert Lewis, Vicar of Meriden.
Arden Medal, 1884.

1874.*427. Bagot, William Walter, of Pipe Hayes, nephew of No. 152.
428. Beck, Thomas Coker, son of No. 277, d. 1885.
429. Lewisham, Viscount, res. 1884, William Heneage, son of No. 295, M.P. for West Kent.
*430. Greenway, George Cattell, of Ashorne, Town-Clerk of Warwick, brother of No. 422.
*431. Bedford, William Campbell Riland (afterwards Rev.), eldest son of No. 315, married Eleanor Chance, sister of No. 446.
1875.*432. Brooks, Thomas, of Whatton House, Loughborough.
433. Garnett, Herbert, res. 1883, son of No. 310, of Valleyfield, Lynn.
Arrow, 1876.

1876. 434. Barclay, Hanbury, res. 1883, then residing at Middleton, now of Cross Oak, Great Berkhampstead, Lieut.-Colonel 1st Staffordshire Volunteers.
*435. Lefroy, Clement George, second son of C. E. Lefroy of Itchel, Hants, now of Wellesbourne, married Euphemia Smythe, daughter of No. 309.
*436. Colmore, Thomas Milnes, of the Warren, Knowle, Recorder of Warwick.
437. Courtney, Rev. Henry Courtney, res. 1882, Vicar of Hatton.
S.V., 1876.
*438. Muntz, Philip Albert, of Dunsmore, Rugby, M.P. for North Warwickshire 1884.
*439. Finch, Hon. Daniel Harry, third son of No. 295.
440. Garnett, John, res. 1881, son of Charles Garnett of Bonehill House, nephew of No. 310.
1878. 441. Murray, Charles James, res. 1883, son of Sir Charles Murray, K.C.B., married Lady Anne Finch, daughter of No. 295, M.P. for Hastings 1880-1884.
*442. Lloyd, Sampson Samuel, jun., of Budbroke, eldest son of S. S. Lloyd, M.P. for South Warwickshire.

1878.*443. Dugdale, James Broughton, eldest son of No. 412, married Laura Jane Arkwright, daughter of No. 341.

*444. Walker, Frederick, of Mercote.

*445. Bridgeman, Rev. Ernest Richard Orlando, eldest son of No. 297, Rector of Castle Bromwich, and now of Blymhill.

*446. Chance, William, eldest son of J. T. Chance, then of Four Oaks.

1879.*447. Adderley, Hon. Henry Arden, of Fillongley, second son of No. 252.

*448. Woollcombe, Captain Edward, R.A., Lieut.-Colonel, married Emma Louisa Adams, daughter of No. 365.

*449. Inge, Charles Henry, of Broom Leasoe, Whittington, Lichfield.

Captain of Numbers, 1884.

1880. 450. Leigh, Hon. Gilbert Henry Chandos, res. 1884, eldest son of No. 296, M.P. for South Warwickshire 1880, d. 1884.

*451. Windsor, Lord, Robert George, fourteenth Lord, of Hewell Grange and Oakley Park, Shropshire, grandson, through his mother, of No. 184.

*452. Lloyd, Arthur Llewellyn, brother of No. 442.

*453. Darlington, James, of Bourton.

*454. Lant, John, of Nailcote.

1881. 455. Brooke, Lord, Francis Richard Charles Guy, res. 1885, eldest son of No. 269, M.P. for East Somersetshire 1880.

*456. Willes, William, of Newbold Comyn.

1882.*457. Digby, Charles Wriothesley, of Meriden Hall, son of No. 345.

*458. Newdigate, Francis Alexander, eldest son of No. 298, Coldstream Guards.

1883.*459. Miller, Rev. William Sanderson, readmitted (see No. 375).

*460. Adams, Rev. John, Vicar of Offchurch, grandson of No. 151.

*461. Monckton, John Henry, of Meriden, Captain 3d Battalion North Stafford Regiment.

*462. Shee, Martin Archer, jun., of Farquhar Road, Edgbaston, grandson of Sir M. A. Shee, Pres. Royal Academy.

*463. Digby, John Kenelm Digby Wingfield, eldest son of No. 355, M.P. for Mid-Somerset 1885.

*464. Brooke, Rev. Charles, brother of No. 417, Rector of Grendon, Northamptonshire.

1884.*465. Inge, William Frederick, of Thorpe Constantine, grandson of No. 101.

*466. Chance, George Ferguson, brother of No. 446.

*467. Starkey, Captain Walter Henry, late 3d King's Own Hussars, South Lodge, Leamington.

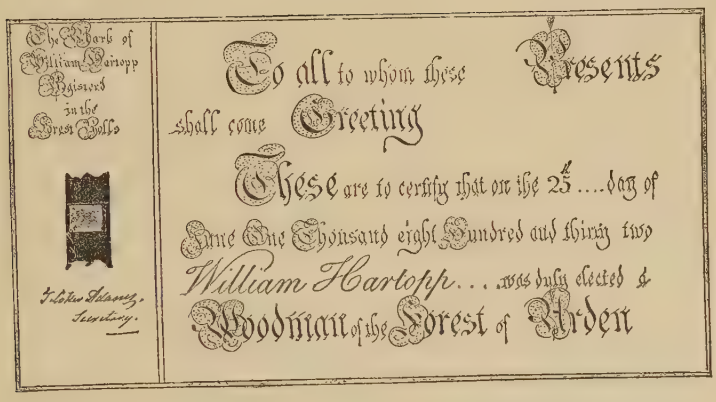
*468. Dilke, George William Fetherston, of Maxtoke, late Major 1st Warwick Militia, son of No. 241.

1885.*469. Loyd, Lewis Vivian, resident at Combe Abbey, Major 2d Warwickshire Volunteers, cousin of first Lord Overstone.

*470. Skipwith, Sir Peyton d'Estoteville, 10th Bart., grandson of No. 126, Captain 4th Battalion Warwickshire Regiment.

*471. Caldecott, Lieut.-Col. Charles Thomas, of Holbrook Grange, late 76th Regiment, son of No. 279.

*472. Petre, Oswald Henry, eldest son of No. 408.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J. MORFITT.

Birmingham, Dec. 15, 1788.

PHILOTOXI ARDĒNÆ.

Ωχετο Μαιωτιστὶ λαβων ευκαμπεα Τοξα.
—Theoc.

JURGIA rauca Fori valeant! Fraus aulica flexo
Poplite, Magnatum pulverulenta Cohors!
Urbe, nec invideo, vivant, vigeantque! remotum
Me procul à Strepitu roscida Rura tenent.

Fulminet in *Verrem Cicero* sine More Britannus,
Et vehemens instet *Foxius*, Ore boans.
Hîc secura Quies, quæ me mihi multa dolentem
Reddidit; ægro Animo sola Medela, Quies.
Nescio quid leviter meditanti condere Soles
Hîc licet, et *Flacci* fallere More Diem.
Mollis adest Somnus, quem nil nisi Passer iniquus
Discutit, aut Zephyrus Murmura grata ciens.
Ulmea stat Series, quæ magnâ protegat Umbrâ,
Languida dum nimio Sole Cicada crepat.

THE WOODMEN OF ARDEN.

They march like Scythians, with their pliant Bows.
—THEOC.

FAREWELL, hoarse Quarrels of the Bar! The Fraud
Of Courts, with ever-bending Knee, and all
The dusty Cohort of the Great, farewell!
Still let them live, still flourish, in the City,
By me unenvied; me, whom—far remote
From Noise—the Country, bright with Dew, detains.

Let British *Cicero* thunder against *Verres*,
All Decency disdaining; and let *Fox*,
Vehement *Fox*, press after, bellowing loud!
Here Quiet reigns; who me, long lost in Grief,
Has to myself restor'd: here reigns secure.
Quiet! Sole Medicine to a Mind diseas'd!
Here 'tis allow'd me, wrapt in Meditation,
(On what I know not) to deceive the Day,
And bury Suns, as *Flaccus* did before me.
Here is soft Sleep, that Nothing but the Sparrow,
Th' unlucky Sparrow, or the murmuring Zephyr,
Can violate.—There stands an elmy Row,
Which may protect me by abundant Shade
What Time the Grasshopper, all faint with Heat,

Herbæ quām redolent siccæ! vix visa sub albis
Nubibus, exercet Carmen Alauda suum.
Omnia sunt Cordi: Mihi sunt jucundus Apollo,
Largaque stillantes Attica Mella Libri.

Nec, *Digbæe*, procul tua Tecta Volumine curvo
Cœrula dant Fumum conspicuique Lares.
Pulvere non sordes, Vir consultissime, docto,
Sed Charites tecum, et compta Minerva sedent.
Atria consurgunt sublimibus alta Columnis,
Quæ propè, Dux Nemorum, *Fincius* ipse colit.
Stirpe Decus repetens præclarâ, clarior Ipse,
Cui Rura arrident Capripidesque Chori.
Hæcce ardet sapiens, et "*aperto Vivere Voto*"[1]
Otiaque, Exemplo *Cæsaris*, alma sequi.

Circiter Hunc Juvenum certat pharetrata Caterva,
Torquet et adductâ *Gnossia* Tela Manu:
Tela verenda quidem, quêis flevit *Gallia* fracta,
Lilia dum roseo tincta Cruore rubent.
Lauriger *Edvardus*, pennato Marte timendus,
Hostica *Cressiaci* Millia stravit Humi.

En! ubi gramineis ingens patet Area Campis,
Agmina *Sylvicolæ Nobilis* Arma parant.

[1] The Earl of Aylesford's Motto.

Chirps languidly. How sweet the Hay! Scarce seen
In the white Clouds, the Lark pursues his Song.
All—all is well! Smiling Apollo mine—
And Books, distilling Stores of Attic Honey!

Nor afar off, O *Digby*,[1] from thy Roofs
Of Azure Hue, and thy conspicuous Lares,
Arises Smoke, in many a wreathed Volume.
Thou art not sordid, most accomplish'd Lawyer,
With Dust of squalid Learning; but with thee,
Reside the Graces, and *Minerva* drest!
At Hand, on Columns awfully sublime,
Grand rise the Halls which *Finch*[2] himself inhabits—
The Captain of the Groves; renewing still
The Honours of a most illustrious Race,
Himself yet more illustrious: in whose Eye
The Country smiles, and Cloven-footed Choir.[3]
These Things he, sapient, loves; to live with Wishes
Open as Day, and (imitating *Cæsar*)
The Sweets of sacred Leisure to enjoy.

Round him a Troop of quiver'd Youths contend,
And *Gnossian* Weapons aim, with Hand drawn close.
Weapons! demanding ev'n our Veneration!
By which dismember'd—*Gallia* wept; while, ting'd
With rosy Blood, her Lilies blush'd: when *Edward*,
Fear'd for his feather'd War, and Laurel-crown'd,
The Fields of *Cressy* strew'd with hostile Thousands!

Lo! In the grassy Plains an Area wide
Expands! The *noble Forester's* vast Host

1 Wriothesly Digby, of Meriden, Esq.
2 The Earl of Aylesford.
3 Strictly, *Goat-footed* Choirs; viz. *Pan*, *Sylvanus*, and the other rural Deities.

Fallor? an Auriculis modò stridet Arundo volucris?
Fervet Opus; fervet dulcis Honoris Amor.

Strenuus intendit Nervum *Molandus;* honestos
Agnosco Vultus, Herculeasque Manus.
Nec *Bowyerus* abest, *Tamam* qui potat amœnam
Rectus, ubi trinis aucta superbit Aquis.
Arma gerit *Vates,* qui Carmine mulcet *Abonam*
Tristis, et in Lacrymas plena Theatra trahit.
Nec latet *Hartoppus* splendens; hos ambit Honores
Hos quoque *Digbæus,* non sine Laude Comes.
Yorkius exultans firmat Vestigia gressu,
Cornea dum viridi Gloria Veste nitet.
Et jam lunavit quadruplex *Dilkius* Arcum;
Qualis in Aspectu Purpura! quale Decus!
Brœus adit, Musas et amans et amatus ab illis,
Tractat et auricomi lucida Tela Dei.

Stant Numeri innumeri, nam Flores Carmine, quot sunt,
In *Sylvâ Ardenæ* quis numerare studet?
Illi *Phœbus* adest, cui terque quaterque beato
Percutit *auratum* certa Sagitta *Scopum.*

Their Arms make ready.—Am I, then, deceiv'd?
Or does the flying Shaft, this very Moment,
Whizz in my startled Ear? Fervent the Sport—
And fervent is the Love of sweet Renown.

Stout *Moland*[1] pulls the String; I recognise
His honest Face, and his Herculean Arm.
Nor is just *Bowyer*[2] absent; he who drinks
The pleasant *Tame,* where, by three Streams augmented,
The River swells with Pride.—The *Bard*[3] bears Arms,
Who, mournful, sooths the *Avon* with his Song,
And crouded Theatres allures to Tears.
Nor is unseen the splendid *Hartopp;*[4] these—
These *superadded* Honours *Digby* claims:
Digby! A Comrade of no vulgar Praise!
Firm is the Footstep of exulting *York,*[5]
While on his green Vest shines the *Spoon* of *Horn.*
And now the fourfold *Dilke*[6] has bent his Bow
In *Luna's* waning Form; what purple Bloom
Flushes his Countenance! What youthful Grace!
Bree,[7] too, is there, the Lover of the Nine;
By all the Nine belov'd: and wields the Arms
Resplendent of the God with Locks of Gold!

Numbers unnumber'd stand around; for who
Is studious to enumerate in Verse
Each Flow'r that blows in *Arden's* ample Forest?
Him *Phœbus* favours—thrice and four Times happy—

[1] Richard Moland, of Springfield House, Esq.
[2] Charles Bowyer Adderley, of Hams Hall, Esq.
[3] Bertie Greatheed, of Guy's Cliff, Esq., Author of the Regent.
[4] Edmund Cradock Hartopp, of Merevale Hall, Esq.
[5] Mr Rd. York, of Kingshurst.—The Horn-Spoon is given to that Marksman whose Arrow, tho' *within* the Target, is farthest from the Centre.
[6] The four Sons of William Dilke, of Maxstock Castle, Esq.
[7] The Rev. Mr William Bree, of Coleshill.

Porrigit applaudens Victoria candida Pennis
Innocuas Palmas, et sine Labe Decus.
Multâ Laude sedens Victor dat Jura, bibendi
Arbiter, et Græco Pocula More regit.

Sed Quæ Forma meos juxtà præstinguit Ocellos,
Admovet et niveâ Spicula parva Manu?
Exercetne Choros *Diana?* an bellica ludit
Idalia, et Pueri dirigit Arma sui?

Haud *Venus*, haud *Virgo Nemorum*, sic Ore refulget:
Incessu proprio *Thynnea* vera patet.
Uxor amanda Tui pertentat, Εκηβολε *Finci*,
Tela suis Oculis exitiosa minus.
Sit tibi cura Salus, pulcherrima! Murice Vultus
Hic Labor insueto dulce rubere dabit.
Hinc violare Genas dediscat picta Puella,
Hinc paret, et stabiles, et sine Fraude, Rosas.

Nobilitate Pares Ambo, Virtutibus Ambo,
Quos habet in roseâ Compede lætus Amor,
Vivite felices! lapsuræ Gloria Gentis!
Conjuge sat Conjux dignus uterque suo!

Whose certain Arrow strikes the *golden*[1] *Mark.*
Vict'ry, in Robe of purest White array'd,
And with her Wings applauding, stretches out
Innocent Palms, and Glory without Stain.
The Victor, sitting with abundant Praise,
Dispenses Laws, sole Arbiter of Drinking;
And rules the Goblets in the *Grecian* Mode.[2]

What Form, approaching, dazzles thus my Eyes,
And little Arrows aims with snow-white Hand?
Does then *Diana* exercise her Choirs?
Or does *Idalia* play the Warriour,
And hurl her Boy's inevitable Darts?

Not *Venus*—not the *Virgin of the Groves*—
Smiles so refulgent; by peculiar Step
The real *Thynne*[3] is known: far-shooting *Finch*,
Thy Wife, all-amiable, is trying Weapons
Less fatal than her Eyes. Be Health thy Care,
Most beauteous! For the Toil shall give thy Face
Sweetly to blush, with unaccustom'd Crimson.
Hence may the painted Fair unlearn her Cheeks
To violate; and, safely, hence procure
Roses—both lasting and devoid of Guile.

Both equal in *Nobility*, and both
In *Virtues* equal, whom rejoicing Love!
Holds in a rosy Chain, still happy live!
Still live—the Glory of a sinking Nation!
Consort of Consort worthy! And no less,

[1] The Centre of the Target is *gilt.*
[2] Aut bibe aut abi.—Either drink, or leave the Company.
[3] The Countess of Aylesford.

Nec minūs, Asseclæ, si quid valet Aura Camœnæ,
Vos quibus in Studiis Phœbus uterque favet;
Semper Honos Vester, *Philotoxi*, crescet in Horas,
Dum *Nemus Ardenæ*, Vere tepente, viret.

Ye Train of Followers—if the Muse's Breath
Can aught avail—Ye, on whose generous Studies,
Propitious, *either* Phœbus smiles! Each Hour,
Ye *Philotoxites*, shall your Fame increase,
While green grow *Arden's Groves*, by genial Spring!

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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MADAM,

WERE I to pursue the beaten Path of Dedication, I should not miss so favourable an Opportunity of expatiating on the inviting Topicks of BIRTH, RANK, BEAUTY, TALENTS, *and* ACCOMPLISHMENTS; *but ill should I deserve the enviable Privilege which I have obtained—of prefixing to this Page so* ILLUSTRIOUS *a Name—were I capable of taking the Advantage of your Ladyship's Condescension to violate the Delicacy of your Feelings.*

Nor would I wish, by an unnecessary Discussion of a Subject on which only ONE *Person can possibly need Information, to leave an Opening for general Animadversion; for—though to draw humble Merit, from the chilling Shade of Obscurity, into the cheering Sunshine of public Favour, might be to do essential Service to Mankind—assuredly, to make a formal Blazon of* GRACES *and of* VIRTUES *which have so long attracted* UNIVERSAL

ATTENTION *would be justly considered by the World as a most impertinent Work of Supererogation.*

If an Exactness bordering on Servility should seem to have been the Object of the PRECEDING *Translation, the* FOLLOWING *one may boast,* MADAM, *of having aimed at a nobler Mark; and happy shall I be, if, in attempting to imitate the paraphrastic and unequal, but* GENEROUS *and* DARING *Manner of the immortal* DRYDEN, *I shall be found to have caught even the smallest Portion of a Spirit so* TRULY DIVINE!

I have the Honour to be,
With the most lively Gratitude,
MADAM,
Your Ladyship's most obedient,
And devoted Servant,
J. WESTON.

PREFACE.

TO neglect the *modern* Stile of Versification—to overlook even that which POPE introduced—and, professedly, to copy from the old-fashioned Model of DRYDEN—will excite some Degree of Surprize among those who take for granted that POETIC DICTION has, since his Time, received considerable *Improvement.*—But, to confess the Truth, I cannot help thinking that ENGLISH RHYME was brought by that wonderful Man to the *Acme* of Perfection; and that it has been, for many Years, gradually declining from GOOD to *indifferent*—and from *indifferent* to BAD.

I am not unaware that a Sentiment so unfavourable to *most* of my Contemporaries, and so opposite to Prejudices long received and obstinately retained, will, probably, be considered as the rash and romantic Assertion of a vain and presumptuous INNOVATOR, and be treated with all the Severity usually exercised against Notions which are looked upon as heterodox.—But such Severity would be flagrant Injustice.—The Opinion which I have expressed is neither dictated by Vanity nor prompted by an Affectation of Singularity; but is, in Fact, the Result of much Reflection and of very minute Investigation.

To do Justice to the Subject would be to extend a *Preface*—to a VOLUME; but it may not be unnecessary to prove that I have not hazarded so *bold* a Declaration on *slight* Grounds: and that, while I endeavour to convince my *Reader*, I am, at least, convinced *myself.*

The Poetry of DRYDEN, though allowed to be, in *general*, CORRECT, ENERGETIC, and HARMONIOUS, is also said to be *sometimes*

CARELESS, LANGUID, and PROSAIC; in Fine, (to use his own Words, when speaking of MILTON,) he is charged with having "*Flats* among his *Elevations*."—They who *bring* the Charge usually accompany it with an Exclamation of "how unfortunate was the "*poor Man*, whose Necessities compelled him to precipitate his "Works to the Press in *so unfinished* a State!"

I will admit the Justice of the *Accusation*, but wave, as entirely unnecessary, the *Apology*.—*Poor* he certainly was—to the never-dying INFAMY of the Age which he so splendidly adorned; but his Poverty has little to do with the Question in Debate.—Many of his Lines *seem*, 'tis true, to have wanted his *last Touches;* but those last Touches, I am persuaded, were not *hastily* NEGLECTED —but *deliberately* DENIED. His intuitive Judgment, doubtless, suggested that all Things figure *but* by COMPARISON; and that even EXCELLENCE, *undiversified*, must, at length, FATIGUE. He, therefore, *subdued* his Stile *occasionally*—to burst upon his Reader with the *greater Splendour*, when the Subject demanded a LOFTIER LAY.

But how reconcile this Supposition to his Remark respecting MILTON—which seems to imply that no FLATS *should* be admitted among the ELEVATIONS?—Very easily.—Steadiness and Consistency were, by no Means, Characteristics of the Doctrines which DRYDEN promulgated, in his numerous Prefaces;—Doctrines which he varied, without much Scruple, as Times or Circumstances changed: and, in the present Case, Dread of MILTON'S superiour Genius, and Detestation of his political Principles, might, reasonably, be supposed somewhat to pervert his natural Candour, and somewhat to bias his wonted Impartiality.

The Poetry of POPE, though less enriched by CLASSICAL KNOWLEDGE, and less illumined by VIVID IMAGINATION, appears, however, at *first* sight, to greater Advantage than that of DRYDEN; as it is, certainly, more elaborately *correct*, and more mechanically *regular*—more delicately *polished*, and more systematically *dignified*.—But are these *really* Advantages?—Let us examine.

Does the skilful PAINTER bring *all* his Figures forward on the Canvas, and bestow the last Hand upon *every* Part of the Picture?

Does the MUSICIAN *cloy* the Ear with an eternal Succession of *harmonious* Sounds, uncontrasted by the dire but necessary *Discords?*

Does the Ornament of the STAGE lavish Emphasis, Expression, Attitude, and Action upon *every* Line of *every* Sentence?

Does the BEAUTY of a BIRTH-NIGHT concentrate *all* her Jewels (unrelieved by Interstices of black Velvet) in one INTOLERABLE BLAZE?

Would the FACE OF CREATION appear more lovely, were it—instead of "rising into Inequalities, diversified by the varied "Exuberance of abundant Vegetation"—to exhibit one immensurable "Velvet Lawn, shaven by the Scythe, and levelled by the "Roller"?

Why then must POETRY adopt a preposterous Plan of *Equalisation* which her SISTER MUSES reject with Scorn—and aspire to an *imaginary* Perfection, alike unknown to NATURE and to ART?

The Question seems to lie in so small a Compass, and to be so easy of Determination, that one feels inclined to enquire how so absurd a Notion could possibly gain a Footing, and maintain its Ground, in an Age so polished and enlightened as to have acquired the Title of AUGUSTAN?—Great Events, 'tis certain, arise sometimes from very trivial Causes; but never, surely, was so important a Revolution in the *Parnassian* Realms produced by means so utterly contemptible!

When DRYDEN'S Sun was set, darting its * brightest Ray at its Departure, POPE was beginning to dawn on the poetical Hemi-

* Dryden's inimitable Ode is said to have been his last Production.

sphere.—A young Man of lively Talents, with a peculiar "Knack " at Rhyming," could not fail to attract the Notice of many would-be *Mœcenases;* among others, one WALSH undertook to usher this rising Genius into the World: he did more; he affected to point out a Way, by which his Pupil should surpass all who had gone before him.—"Mr POPE, (said he) there is *one* Path as yet entirely " untrodden—the Path of *Correctness:* DRYDEN was a great Poet " —but he had not *Leisure* to be correct.—Seize the glorious " Opportunity; supply the Deficiency, and be immortal!"

In an evil Hour did the ambitious young Bard hearken to the fatal Advice of "*knowing* Walsh" (as he somewhere calls him); and, hoping to supply this *supposed* Deficiency, he began to *labour*, and *stiffen*, and *polish*, and *refine:* till, having discarded whatever seemed *loose*, or *languid*, or *harsh*, or *prosaic*, his Verse flowed in one equal, smooth, mellifluous Stream; marked by an almost total Want of that VARIETY of Pause, Accent, Cadence, and Diction, so eminently conspicuous in his incomparable Predecessor, and so absolutely essential to the Harmony of true Poetry.

The *Thought* is so seldom suffered to stray *beyond* the Bounds of the Couplet, and so frequently wire-drawn merely to end *with* it—*one* Part of a Line so exactly reflects the *other*—and there is such a Paucity of *Triplets* and of *Alexandrines*, (the *Break*, too, in the latter, so regularly at the *sixth* Syllable,)—that even the most ingenious *Allusions*, the most striking, beautiful, and graceful *Imagery*, the most perspicuous and pointed *good Sense*, and the most elegant and nervous *Expression*—with all their Powers united —find it difficult to render the tiresome UNIFORMITY of his VERSIFICATION supportable.

To the officious Interposition of this same WALSH, then, we are indebted for the Contamination of the HELICONIAN FOUNTAIN, for near a Century! *Risum teneatis?*

But so material a Change in the Constitution of Poetry could not be expected to take Place, without some literary Convulsions. The Disciples of DRYDEN were ardent in their Veneration, formi-

dable by their Numbers, and respectable by their Rank.—Violent was the Clamour, and tedious was the Contest.—POPE, however, in the End—by Means not very *honourable* indeed—proved triumphant.

In the course of my Researches, I have found considerable Amusement, (though alloyed, in no small Degree, by a Mixture of Scorn and Indignation,) in tracing and developing the insidious Arts which he suffered his *Friends* to practise, in order to undermine the Reputation of the deceased Poet, and to asperse the Characters of his living Supporters; and if a Work, which, for a longer Term of Years than that prescribed by HORACE, has been *incarcerated* in my Closet, should ever escape into Light, POPE'S *Goodness of Heart* would be no longer *problematical*:—at present, I shall content myself with observing, that HE, while the injured DRYDEN *sunk* in the public Estimation, was *exalted* to the vacant Chair, and proposed as a bright EXEMPLAR to all succeeding Bards.

But, as HE was supposed to have improved upon *his* Master, OUR Poets seem ambitious of improving upon *theirs*.—HE rejected every Thing that was not *rich*; THEY reject every Thing that is not *brilliant*.—HE is every where *clear* and *manly*; THEY not unfrequently torture into *Obscurity*, and refine into *Imbecility*.

To confirm and illustrate my Observation, by selecting *Instances* of harsh Construction and fantastic Inversion—Tinsel Phrases and tinkling Compound-Epithets—were a Task as easy as it were unpleasant and unwise.—The *Genus irritabile Vatum* is proverbial; and I shall, probably, find Inconvenience enough, from having *disturbed* the Hornet's Nest, by a GENERAL Censure, without the additional Imprudence of pulling it about my Ears by a PARTICULAR ENUMERATION.—Suffice it, therefore, to observe, that the *modern* System appears decisively to exclude every Mode of Expression from *Poetry* which is so unlucky as to find a Place in *Prose*.

Let me not be misunderstood.—POETIC DICTION, and that

ALONE, is the Object of my Reprobation; nor, even in *that* Department, am I insensible of some very *splendid* EXCEPTIONS: but flatter myself, as the Influence of *their* Example gradually *expands*, that I shall still live to see the *apparent* NEGLIGENCE but *real* ART—the *dignified* SIMPLICITY—the *unaffected* SUBLIMITY—and the *endless* VARIETY of the PRINCE OF RHYME (as Mr. HAYLEY justly stiles him) once more shine forth, in the Fullness of Beauty —the Admiration of all—but *cold, mechanical* VERSIFIERS, and *tasteless, blind* IDOLATORS!

My Zeal has already carried me beyond the Limits which I proposed to myself; but, having mentioned the ALEXANDRINE, I feel an irresistible Impulse to employ a few more Pages in an attempt to emancipate one of the brightest Ornaments of English Versification from those Shackles which POPE *imposed*, and which his SUCCESSORS seem determined to *perpetuate*.

THEY, with one Consent, divide the Alexandrine into *equal* Parts; and the facetious Manufacturers of those Treatises which so ridiculously pretend to teach the *Art of Poetry* (as if POETS, like PEERS, not happening to be *born* such, could be *made!*) aver that it *ought* to be so divided.—The Pigmies would scarcely *deserve* Confutation; but a GIANT has thrown down his Gauntlet, in the same Cause; and, if I hesitate while I take it up, I hesitate from RESPECT—*not* FEAR.—This redoubtable Critic has, for *once* at least, substituted dogmatical *Assertion* for *Argument* and *Truth;* and HE is, surely, little to be dreaded, who, (as if grown wanton by Success, and confident of Victory without a Blow,) attempting to appal by empty *Sounds*, discards his ponderous *Spear*, and his enormous *Shield!*

But let us hear.—In the Life of DRYDEN, he remarks—"the "*Alexandrine*, though much his Favourite, is not always very "diligently fabricated by him. It *invariably* requires a Break at "the *sixth* syllable; a Rule which the modern FRENCH POETS never violate, but which DRYDEN sometimes *neglected:*

"And with paternal Thunder vindicates his Throne."

Si sic OMNIA *dixisset*—Dr. JOHNSON would scarcely have been considered as an *Arbiter Elegantiarum* in Poetry; for a weaker Paragraph was never penned.—It is open and unguarded, at all Points.—The Principle is false; the Authority insufficient; and the Example the most unfortunate that could have been adduced.—

'Tis pleasant to find the good Doctor appealing to the Practice of *that Nation*, against whose Decisions he has, on so many Occasions, protested; and 'tis equally pleasant to find him bringing forward, as an Instance of DRYDEN'S *Negligence*, a Line, which—for *harmonic Energy*—has not a Superiour!—I would defy even the melodious Voice, and matchless Judgment, of a SEWARD—with all her known *Partiality* for POPE—to convey more Fascination into her Favourite's finest Line than that *already* possesses which is the Object of Dr. JOHNSON'S Censure; Censure—which will, probably, be considered as of no very great Importance, when proceeding from one who cannot, reasonably, be supposed to have studied with any extraordinary Attention that Species of Verse which (for aught that appears to the contrary) he never attempted to fabricate: —since—in his WHOLE WORKS—it would be as arduous a task to find an *Alexandrine*—as an *immoral Expression!*

Nor will an Advocate for VARIETY, who treats even the high Authority of POPE with so little Ceremony, be expected to pay much Deference to the mere *gratis dictum* of his slavish IMITATOR! An Imitator so *very* slavish—though *equal* to his Original in SMOOTHNESS, and *superiour*, perhaps, in STRENGTH—that his collected Poems, abounding in every Excellence but *one*, afford only *three* TRIPLETS, and a *solitary* Instance of the Sense *overflowing* the Couplet, to terminate in the Beginning of the third Line: and yet a Remark, which accompanies a Quotation from the *Hind* and the *Panther*, evinces that he was far from insensible of the *latter Beauty*.

I, also, will quote the exquisite Lines in Question; that they, who have so hastily asserted that POPE *heightened* "the Magic of "that Versification" which he acknowledged to have learned from DRYDEN, may repent at Leisure.

" A Milk-white HIND, immortal and unchang'd,
" *Fed* on the LAWNS, and in the FOREST *rang'd;*
" *Without* UNSPOTTED, INNOCENT *within,*
" She *fear'd* no DANGER, for she *knew* no SIN.
" Yet had she oft been chas'd with Horns and Hounds,
" And Scythian Shafts; and many winged Wounds
" Aim'd at her HEART; was often forc'd to fly,
" And * DOOM'D to *Death,* though FATED *not to die.*"

" These Lines are lofty, elegant, and musical, *notwithstanding* the " Interruption of the PAUSE, of which the Effect is rather *Increase* " of Pleasure by VARIETY than *Offence* by RUGGEDNESS."

Who, on reading this judicious Observation, will not wonder that the Remarker imitated only *once* what he thus professes to admire?—But Wonder will subside, on recollecting that the Period when JOHNSON formed that Stile which astonished even POPE *himself,* by its Similitude to his *own,* was precisely the Period when the latter, having crushed all Opposition, reigned SOLE DICTATOR over the Commonwealth of Rhyme:—a Poem, therefore, constructed on any other Principles than those which he had established, might reasonably have despaired of a favourable Reception from the Public.

But, to return to the ALEXANDRINE.—"It *invariably* requires (says JOHNSON) a Break at the *sixth* Syllable."—Did not the whole Tenour of a Life, spent in the uniform Practice of almost every Christian Virtue, forbid the Supposition—I should imagine that the weak Attempt to support this strange Assertion by

* The delicate Discrimination in this Line has excited the Mirth of MONTAGUE and PRIOR, in that wretched Abortion of silly Malevolence which the Spirit of Party *once* cried up, as a consummate Model of argumentative Acuteness, and of genteel Satire; but whose Merits TIME, who happens to be neither Whig nor Tory, has *now* very accurately ascertained.—"If *you,* Mr. BAYES, (say these well-man-" nered and sagacious Critics,) were *doom'd* to be HANG'D—what you were *fated* to " would be of very little Consequence." As if *doom'd* and *fated* were *really* SYNONYMOUS Terms—and *Execution* must be the INEVITABLE Consequence of *Condemnation!*

Ex Pede HERCULEM!——Reader, if thou likest this *Sample,* (given to thee from Memory, but faithful, at least, to the "*friendly Meaning,*") MIDDLE ROW, in HOLBORN, may, perchance, furnish thee with the *whole* delectable Dialogue, between the CITY MOUSE and the COUNTRY MOUSE!

strange Authority betrayed a Consciousness of Inability to support it by Reason.—But REASON, it must be allowed, is not fully competent to decide the Dispute; for, though the Regulation of the *Sense* belongs entirely to the JUDGMENT, that of the *Sound* is more peculiarly the Province of the EAR.—POPE'S Deficiency in the latter Respect was notorious; his Indifference to MUSIC is upon Record: and I am inclined to believe that the *Critic* bore, in that Particular, no very distant Resemblance to the *Poet.*

The following Examples will prove that the *Break* in the Alexandrine ought NOT to be *invariably* at the *sixth* Syllable; but that its Effect may be every way as powerful when it is placed at the *seventh.*

"And with paternal THUNDER—VINDICATES his Throne."

"And, like another HELEN—FIR'D another TROY."
DRYDEN.

The ACTION, described in *each* of these Examples, being *reserved* for the Syllable *immediately succeeding* the PAUSE, strikes with added Force; and the *sonorous* ROLLING of the *former,* (which so singularly *echoes* to the SENSE,) would not have been *increased,* had the Line—with the Formality of a Pair of folding Doors—opened *exactly* in the MIDDLE.

Perhaps the Alexandrine ought GENERALLY to *hinge* on the sixth Syllable; and it will commonly be found that, provided *that* Syllable be GRAVE and the *next* ACUTE, the Break may be made at *either* of them, with equal Propriety:—but even *this* Rule is not INVARIABLE; for Instances may be produced, where the Custom (like that of the DANISH USURPER) "is more honoured in the "*Breach* than the *Observance.*"

"Vāst Rūĭns cŏme ălōng—rēnt frŏm thĕ smōkĭng Wālls."
DRYDEN.
"Whīch, lĭke ă wōundĕd Snāke—drāgs ĭts slōw Lēngth ălōng."
POPE.

Stark blind must that Reader be, who is not struck with the *picturesque* Versification of both these Lines; to which the *Inver-*

sion of the usual Mode of *accenting* the SEVENTH and EIGHTH Syllables contributes, in no inferiour Degree.

But why must the Pause be confined to *either* of the Syllables in Debate?—And why must only *one* Pause be admitted?—My next Quotation will shew that, by *deviating* from the customary Method, one *third more* SENSE may be comprised within as *narrow a Compass*—without sustaining any Inconvenience from Want of Elbow-room.

"Still cheerful; ever constant to his Call;
"By MANY *follow'd—lov'd* by MOST—*admir'd* by ALL!"
DRYDEN.

And why must Lines of FOURTEEN Syllables be *excluded?*—Their Effect, when *sparingly* and *skilfully* introduced, is considerable—admirably calculated as they are to express NUMBER and DURATION.

"What Help from *Art's* Endeavours can we have?
"GIBBONS but *guesses*, nor is *sure* to save:
"But MAURUS sweeps whole *Pārĭshĕs*—and peoples *every* Grave."
DRYDEN.
"Thy Mother well deserves that short Delight,
"The nauseous Qualms of *tēn lōng mōnths*—and TRAVAIL to requite."
DRYDEN'S VIRGIL.

Whoever attends to the *accenting* of the sixth, seventh, and eighth Syllables, in each Example, will find additional Reason to admire the Genius and the Taste which could raise *imitative* Harmony to so exalted an Height; for the Rapidity of medical Devastation in the One, and the Tediousness of lingering Indisposition in the Other, are as forcibly conveyed to the *Ear*, by the artful Construction of the MEASURE, as they are faithfully pourtrayed to the *Mind*, by the appropriative Energy of the EXPRESSION.

To multiply instances would be superfluous; enough has been said, I trust, clearly to demonstrate what many have supposed to be incapable of Demonstration—viz. that POPE is not *infallible*, nor his BIOGRAPHER invulnerable.

If this should seem the Language of *Exultation*, let it be remem-

bered that it is, likewise, the Language of *Conviction;* and—to repress the gathering Sneer, which an *Introduction* so disproportionate to the Size of the POEM may tempt—let ill-natured CRITICISM be informed, that to justify the *Stile* of the following Translation is but a *subordinate* Object: my principal Design, in this PREFATORY ESSAY, being to seize an apt Occasion—unexpectedly presented—of co-operating with *those* who so meritoriously endeavour to restore to DRYDENICAL PURITY that PIERIAN SPRING which POPE *corrupted,* and which his more daring *Imitators* have POISONED!

With Regard to my OWN *Versification,* I must acknowledge, that, however excellent a *Mark* I may have set in View, I have not the Vanity to suppose that my *Success* has kept Pace with my *Exertions.*—Whoever tries the Experiment which I have tried will find that to *attempt* is not to *execute;* and that it is more easy to *admire* than to *emulate.*—Yet, rewarded for my Labour by the Consciousness of having *endeavoured* well, I shall not blush, if reminded of the vast Disparity between the MODEL and the COPY. —*That* COPY—imperfect as it is—would have been still *more* imperfect, had I selected a MODEL of less distinguished Eminence; and, had I not, in Imitation of my GREAT MASTER, diversified my STILE—*varied* the PAUSE, ACCENT, and CADENCE—and abundantly bespangled my Verse with TRIPLETS and with ALEXANDRINES—my Performance would have appeared before the awful Tribunal of the PUBLIC with still *greater* Diffidence—as it would, indubitably, have preferred still *humbler* Claims to PARDON or to PRAISE.

An Examination of the respective Merits of a *literal* and of a *liberal* Version is not necessary; it may not, however, be improper to remark that, among the Few who have seen the Translations in Manuscript, SOME, whose Opinions I have been accustomed to revere, have given a Preference to the *Blank Verse;* a Circumstance which (though it *surprised* me) has induced me to publish *both:* with the pleasing Expectation of accommodating different Tastes.

If, after all, I shall be thought, in the following TRANSLATION, to have departed rather too widely from the beautiful ORIGINAL, and shall be found—in the Glow of Composition, or in the Ardour of Friendship—sometimes to have interpolated an *Idea*, and sometimes to have expanded a *Character*—it should be considered, in Extenuation, that POETRY, like ETHER, is a very *subtile* and *volatile* SPIRIT; which, (as SIR JOHN DENHAM has finely expressed it,) "in pouring from one Language to another, EVAPORATES:" and that, "if a *new* Spirit be not added in the *Transfusion*, little "more than a *Caput mortuum* will remain."

That *my* weak Efforts toward undeceiving the deluded Admirers of POPE will prove, in any Degree, *successful*, I dare not promise to myself.—But speedy and effectual (I am persuaded) will be the *Conversion* of all those Advocates for a *close* TRANSLATION who shall peruse MISS SEWARD'S most enchanting Amplification of HORACE'S noble Ode; inserted in the Gentleman's Magazine for October last:—where the BRITISH POETESS *towers* as much above the ROMAN BARD—as she is acknowledged to do above most of her *own* Nation, in *Beauty, Affability, Genius, Taste, Benevolence*—and FILIAL PIETY!

THE

THE WOODMEN OF ARDEN.

ADIEU, hoarse Brawlers of th' opprobrious Bar,
Who wage of Words the never-ending War!—
The flattering Knee—the solemn Farce of State—
And all the dusty Cohort of the GREAT!
Nurs'd in the *City*, let them live and reign;
I *cannot* ENVY what I *must* DISDAIN!
Remote from courtly Craft, and legal Noise,
Mine are the *Country's* calmer—purer Joys.
Let *Britain's* greater CICERO still proclaim,
With Voice of Thunder, and with Words of Flame,
That VERRES reeks with plunder'd ASIA'S Gore—
And furious FOX re-bellow to the Roar!

Here lost Tranquillity, long lost, I find;
Potent—when countless Griefs convuls'd my Mind—
My Thoughts, like Oil on swelling Waves, to calm:
Tranquillity! The Soul's celestial Balm!
'Tis mine to do what *Horace' self* has done—
Beguile the Day, and, trifling down the Sun,
Sink, with his setting Beam, in lov'd Repose,
Soft, downy Sleep, that no Disturbance knows,
Save when the roguish Sparrow twitters nigh,
Or murmuring Zephyr heaves a passing Sigh.

Yon Row of Elms, umbrageous, from the Heat
Of blazing Noon may yield a kind Retreat;
While the parch'd Grasshopper, his little Throat
Distending, chirps his Plaint with feeble Note.
How sweetly redolent the new-mown Hay!
How sweetly trills the Lark his liquid Lay,
As, half-unseen, the snow-white Clouds among,
He soars—the Envy of the plumy Throng!
My Heart's at Ease! New Joys my Bosom fill!
For mine the God who rules th' *Aonian* Hill,
And Books, which *Attic* Honey plenteously distil!

At Hand, O Digby, to Cerulean Skies,
From Roofs Cerulean, spiral Volumes rise,
Impell'd by *Lares* that conspicuous shine;
Those Roofs—those hospitable Roofs—are thine!
Thou Ornament of Law! No sordid Rust
Of canker'd Learning can thy Mind encrust;
Nor scorn the *Graces*, unadorn'd, to rest
With Thee; nor Pallas—to Advantage drest!

On Pillars that *deride* corroding Time,
Yon beauteous Mansion rears its Head sublime!
There He whom Art reveres, whom Science loves—
Aylesford resides; the Captain of the Groves:
Boast of the brightest Race—himself more bright—
Whom Sylvan Scenes and Sylvan Gods delight!
Him Heav'n has giv'n, and Wisdom taught to prize,
The Wish that scorns the Meanness of Disguise,
And Transports that from heart-felt Leisure spring—
With Dignity enjoy'd—while copying from his King!

Around their Chief a well-selected Band
Of quiver'd Youths, impatient, take their Stand,
And *Scythian* Shafts direct—with firm, *retracted* Hand.

O sacred Shafts renown'd in British Songs!
Ye swift Avengers of a Nation's Wrongs!
Proud GAUL has wept your Wounds in many a Flood,
While her stain'd Lilies blush'd with rosy Blood;
When hostile Thousands sunk on *Cressy's* Plain,
By laurell'd EDWARD'S winged Weapons slain!

Behold! On the green Lawn, expanding wide,
An Area vast!—And lo! With generous Pride,
(The Hunter's Garb belies the Soldier's Air,)
The *noble Woodman's* Troops their Arms prepare!
Do I, then, *hear*—or only *seem* to hear—
The flying Arrow whizzing in my Ear?
The Contest glows; each glowing Face displays
How ardent the Desire of honied Praise!
Yon Archer strains the String; his manly Grace,
His Arm *Herculean*, and ingenuous Face,
Proclaim him MOLAND!—There (of virtuous Fame)
Is ADDERLEY, who quaffs the pleasant TAME;
TAME—who, of *triple* Augmentation proud,
Rolls his united Streams, and roars his Joy aloud!

The BARD bears Arms, who, AVON'S Banks along,
Soothes listening *Naiads* with his mournful Song;
Skill'd—or to freeze the Soul with frantic Fears—
Or melt admiring Myriads into Tears
There HARTOPP, *elegantly* splendid, shines;
DIGBY—in whom each social Charm *combines*—
With Honours yet unsated, pants for more:
And adds a greener Laurel to his Store.
With Footstep firm as his undaunted Breast,
Exulting YORK, distinguish'd from the Rest,
Displays the *Corneous Glory*—on his verdant Vest.
The *four-fold* DILKIAN *Band* like *Cynthia's* Horns
Bend their elastic Bows;—What Grace adorns

Each Form *Fraternal!*—How impassion'd speaks
The *Tyrian Tide* along their glowing Cheeks!
BREE, whose mild Manners match his Mind, is there;
To whom the *Patron-God,* with golden Hair,
His lucid Weapons not disdains to lend:
BREE! Skill'd with *Genius* tempering *Taste* to blend!
By every Muse befriended! Every Muse's Friend!

Numbers INNUMERABLE *conceal* the Plain;
For who each Flower, within the wide Domain
Of ARDEN's woody Wild, that drinks the Day—
In hoarse—and everlasting Song—would painfully display?
Blest, blest is HE—pre-eminently blest,
On whom propitious *Phœbus* shines confest;
Whose Shaft, unerring, ravish'd Crouds behold
Wing its triumphant Way, and strike the *gleaming Gold!*
Clapping her Pinions, Victory swift descends,
And bloodless Trophies—guiltless Palms—extends.
Aloft the Conqueror sits, with Glory crown'd!
Lord of the Feast, he deals the Goblet round;
His Charge with ev'n a *Grecian* strictness plies:
And who *rejects* the sparkling Beverage—*flies.*

But WHO, with Form so fair, and Air so bland,
And Eyes that win—that *dazzle*—that COMMAND—
Aims tiny Arrows with a snowy Hand?
Does, then, *Diana* train her buskin'd Maids?
Or does the Tenant of th' *Idalian* Shades
T' enact the *Amazon* her Skill employ,
And wield the Arms of her all-conqu'ring Boy?
No.—Nor the Virgin-Huntress of the Groves,
Nor the bright Queen of all the laughing Loves,
So radiant smiles, or so majestic moves:
By Step *appropriate*—Sweetness *all her own*—
And DIGNITY DIVINE—the *genuine* THYNNE is known!

Thy lovely Spouse, thou PRINCE OF ARCHERS, tries
Weapons far less *destructive* than her Eyes!
The generous Sport pursue! Be Health thy Care!
The grateful Toil (thou fairest of the Fair!)
Shall give thy Cheeks with livelier Bloom to glow
With Bloom that Art's pale Victim ne'er shall know:
Till, viewing *Thee*, the poor, repentant Maid
Unlearns to feign—relies on *Nature's* Aid—
And guileless Roses gains—too permanent to fade!

Equal alike in *Virtue* and in *Birth*—
Worthy—and conscious of your mutual Worth—
Whom Love, rejoicing, binds with flowery Band—
The *Grace*—the GLORY of a sinking Land—
Live ever blest!—And you—ye following Train
Of PHILOTOXITES—if not fondly vain
The Muse—if EITHER *Phœbus* Life can give—
Shall ever happy—ever honour'd—live;
Increasing Fame increasing Hours shall bring,
While blows o'er ARDEN'S GROVES the genial Breath of Spring.

APPENDIX

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BUTTS.

BUTTS have been in use from time immemorial, and have given names to many places where once they stood. Targets are not heard of until after 1660, and were for a long time square pasteboard covered with cloth, on which were drawn the rings of the target.

In the construction of butts, earth taken from a heath, common, or turbary is preferred, says Hansard, because its fibres render it more tough and adhesive than meadow turf. Butts are wedge-shaped, and taper somewhat towards the summit. Crown clods—that is to say, three pieces of sod rudely cut into the form of an urn—give a finish to the modern butt, and a piece of white pasteboard generally forms the mark. They are arranged in sets, at 4, 8, 12, and 16 roods, in this manner: 120 yards being measured, a butt 10 feet broad, 18 inches wide at the top, and about 6 feet in height, is erected at the two extremities. Thirty yards distant from one of these, and a little to the right hand, they place a second; 60 yards to the left a third; and 90 to the right a fourth,—which form a complete set, no one of which impedes the view of the others.

The Cheshire and Lancashire mode of shooting the "paper game" at butts is this:—

Seldom more than three pair of arrows are allowed on each side, which do not reckon except when within the inches—that is, when they pierce a square paper-mark of the following proportions (the weight of the arrows used at each distance is also added):—

			Inches.	Arrows.
At	4 roods or	30 yards	4	5s. 6d. silver weight.
	8 "	60 "	8	4s. 6d. "
	12 "	90 "	12	3s. 6d. "
	16 "	120 "	16	3s. 6d. "

Seven the game. No lurch.

The archers usually draw lots to determine the order in which they shall shoot. Each maintains his original place during the contest, without reference to the position of his arrows. The diminutive size of the clout renders a marker necessary at the 12 and 16 rood length. Like the person who attends for a similar purpose during Swiss rifle-matches, he stands near the butt, holding in his hand a white wand, which is placed for a few moments near each arrow. The signs made use of also much resemble those of his Alpine brother.

For the best arrow, the wand is thrice shaken above his head; second ditto, the same towards the ground. When the paper is pricked, he uncovers and bows—for the outer circle once, the white twice, the pin thrice. For over arrows the wand moves briskly upwards, for wide arrows horizontally, for short arrows downwards. Such appears to have been the usage of centuries.—(Hansard's Book of Archery.)

THE FOREST HALL.

The Forest Hall consisted, as originally constructed, of a room 39 feet 6 inches by 24 feet 6 inches, lighted on the north by three French windows with circular tops. The corners are cut off, and the four doors in the angles give admission, on the east side to a gentleman's dressing-room, with lavatories, &c. (this was much enlarged in 1882), and at the south-west end to a kitchen with offices; while the north-west angle has a room for the Secretary. These again open into a larger hall, added in 1845, used as a dining-room and ball-room, adjoining to which are a suite of dressing-rooms for ladies. At the east end of the old room is the marble bust by Flaxman of the first Lord Warden, representing him in the attitude of drawing a bow at the long distance; while in a corresponding position at the west end of the other room is a bust (presented in 1811) of the first Secretary, Mr Digby, by Nollekens. Round the old room are the Aschams, of Forest oak,

each emblazoned with the device of its present or some former owner. Upon the walls are ancient bows and arrows, mostly oriental, presented at various times; and a curious curved horn, covered with leather, is preserved in the hall. In the centre compartment of the upper portion of the middle window is a curious piece of tinted glass, of the style in vogue in Germany in the sixteenth century, representing a man drawing a bow, and with six arrows in his belt. He is dressed in a surcoat over red sleeves, wears a bracer, and buskins on his legs; near him stands a youth in a jerkin, who holds an arrow; while at a short distance, in a thicket of trees, is seen the face of a man, apparently crouching or wounded. The subject of this painting is obscure, but it may possibly represent Gandelyn avenging the death of his master Robin Hood upon the keeper Wrennok.—See Ritson's Robin Hood.

GRAND MEETING OF ARCHERS,

Held at Blackheath, May 26, 1790.

Friday last the Second Grand Annual Meeting of the Archers of Great Britain was held on Blackheath. At eleven the Archers began to assemble at their marquees, and to fix their colours to their respective ones. At twelve, the bugle-horn having sounded, they marched, preceded by an excellent band of music, to the plain, where twelve pair of targets were pitched; and having taken their stands, the shooting immediately commenced, which continued till three, when the horn sounding again, they marched in form to the marquees, where cold refreshment was prepared for each Society and their friends. Half an hour only was allowed for the Archers to partake of it, when the shooting was resumed, and the contest for the prizes continued till six, when they were divided as follows: That for the greatest number of arrows in the target to Mr William Palmer, that for the second number to Mr Thomas Palmer, both Woodmen of Arden; that for the most centrical shot to Mr John Brady, Kentish Ranger. The appearance was uncommonly handsome—the plain on which the targets were pitched commanding an extensive view of a rich country. The uniform of the different Societies of Archers, their regular form in shooting and marching, together with the manliness of the exercise, rendered the whole a spectacle delightful and pleasing. The company were numerous and of the first fashion. The

business of the day being over, the Archers adjourned to Willis's Rooms, in King Street, St James's, where an elegant dinner was prepared; and they spent the evening, as they did the day, with the utmost harmony and conviviality. The gentlemen selected to conduct the meeting, and to whom every praise is due for their attention were,—C. Spens, Esq., Royal Edinburgh Archer; Philip Constable, Hon. Artillery Company; J. Dent, Esq., Toxophilite; Hon. Harry Fitzroy, Royal Kentish Bowman; Charles Phillips, Esq., Royal British Bowman; Thomas Palmer, Esq., Woodman of Arden; William Clay, Esq., Robin Hood's Man; M. Davis, Esq., Loyal Archer. Archers from seventeen different Societies appeared on the ground.—(From the Public Advertiser.)

GRAND MEETING OF ARCHERS,

Held at Blackheath, May 28, 1791.

The different Societies of Archers met yesterday on Blackheath, to shoot for two gold and silver medals, to be given to the best marksmen. The company assembled on the Heath to see this diversion was very numerous, and the fineness of the day contributed in no small degree to render the effect of the sight extremely pleasing. The gentlemen seemed to have very much improved in the science since last year, and there were a number of palpable hits. The Woodmen of Arden seemed to be the most expert at the bow. At three o'clock the gentlemen retired to their tents to partake of a cold collation, to which several ladies were invited. At four they resumed their sport, which continued till six in the afternoon, when they returned to town and spent the evening with great festivity in Willis's Rooms. The tents were fancifully decorated with banners, proudly displaying the devices of the various Orders of Archery.

There were two-and-thirty targets erected on the ground, and about a dozen archers fixed to shoot at each.

Mr Ricketts of the Toxophilites shot nearest the centre, and was the Captain of the Target.

Lord Aylesford having shot sixteen different times into the target, was destined the Captain of Numbers. The young archers beat the old ones out of the field, in point of skill and numbers.

The Loyal Archers shot once into the bull's-eye of the target,

the Yorkshire Archers once, the Toxophilite Society twice, the Robin Hood once, and the Woodmen of Hornsey twice.—(From Aris Birmingham Gazette.)

GRAND MEETING OF ARCHERS,

Held at Blackheath, May 29, 1792.

At noon the Archers, clothed in Kendal green, met at their respective tents, which were pitched in a line fronting the south. Immediately opposite these, fourteen pair of targets ranged from north to south, 100 yards apart; and they appeared in the following order, when reckoned downwards from the front of the tents:—

Surrey Bowmen; two sets of targets.
St George's Bowmen.
Royal Kentish Bowmen; two sets of targets.
The Toxophilite Society.
Archers Division of the Artillery Company.
Woodmen of Arden.
Robin Hood's Bowmen; two sets of targets.
Woodmen of Hornsey.
Bowmen of Chevy Chase.
Suffolk Bowmen.

[*N.B.*—Only thirteen pair of targets are accounted for in this list.]

The following programme of the day's amusements was published by authority of the Stewards:—

General Orders.

At eleven o'clock the leaders of the targets are to arrange the Archers to shoot at their respective marks, and to set down their names.

No greater number than Ten to shoot at any one pair of targets.

Two arrows to be shot at each end.

Two target papers to be kept at each target.

At twelve the shooters to form a line in front of the tents, in the order of shooting. The signal for forming the line to be a march of the music, playing the whole length of the tents. The

line being formed, the command to face the right and march to be given by three strokes of the kettle-drums.

The different Societies will then proceed to their respective targets, and begin shooting when the music ceases. The leader of each target to advance ten paces when his party have done shooting, and proceed to the opposite target on hearing the bands, which will continue playing until the shooting commences.

At three, refreshments to be taken into the tents.

The signal to go into the tents will be by the music halting in the centre of the ground until the arrows are collected, when each Society will fall into its own station. The line will then be formed, and the Archers are to march back to their respective tents—the same signal being used as for the march to the targets.

At half-past three the reopening of the targets will be announced by a repetition of the signals before used.

At six the shooting will cease by the same signal as before used for going to refresh; the whole line to halt in front of the tents, while the Stewards collect the target papers; the Archers are then to be dismissed, and to proceed to dinner. Tickets to be collected at the door of the dining-room, and the Societies to be seated according to seniority—the Stewards making the arrangements.

Amongst those who especially distinguished themselves by gallant attention to their fair visitors, I will not omit to name the Royal Artillery Archers, whose tent was lined throughout with green silk; and Robin Hood's Bowmen, for they had provided theirs with a temporary flooring of boards. Their uniform also attracted universal attention, as being the most elegant and appropriate in the whole field. The honours of the day fell thick upon this Society, since out of the four prizes they became entitled to three—two being won by —— Anderson, Esq., as Captain of Numbers and Lieutenant of the Target; the third fell to the lot of R. Glenn, Esq., as Lieutenant of Numbers. The Captain of the Target was a Woodman of Arden.[1]

Among the nobility present, Lord Aylesford distinguished himself by some very close shooting: indeed the exploits of the day, taken as a whole, stand high in the annals of modern Archery. The Captain of Numbers above mentioned placed thirty-three arrows in the target, and the second in command twenty-four. On every former occasion the highest number had never exceeded twenty-one. It is remarkable that Mr Anderson, who bore away

[1] W. Staunton. See Records of 1792.

the most considerable prize, should have been a Fleming; and though but of middling stature, shot with a Flemish long-bow of six feet three inches. In September 1795, shooting with the Woodmen of Arden, he gained a Captaincy of Numbers.[1]—(From Hansard's Book of Archery.)

MEETING NEAR HIGHGATE.

At a meeting held at Mr Anderson's grounds, near Highgate, in September 1792, various members of the Royal Toxophilites, Robin Hood's Bowmen, and Woodmen of Arden shot. The shooting lasted three hours, when T. Palmer, Esq., of the Woodmen, won the medal for the central shot; and Dr Haworth, a Royal Toxophilite, won that for the greatest number of prizes. The figure of an eagle fixed on a perch 140 feet high was shot at for about an hour, affording much amusement from its novelty; at the expiration of that time Mr Peacock, Robin Hood's Bowmen, shot it off the perch, and thereby won a gold medal.

After dining with his friends in the lodge, Mr Anderson amused them with fireworks emblematical of the Archery of the day.—(From Toxophilite Records.)

CANNOCK CHASE MEETING.

1791.

Though the weather was rather unfavourable, the Archery meeting at Eitchinhill, near Rugeley, was all the week attended by a great assemblage of ladies and gentlemen of the first distinction. The Woodmen of Arden and Broughton (as Warwickshire Archers) and the Lancashire Bowmen shot three grand matches on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Lancashire Archers won on Wednesday and Friday, and the Warwickshire Archers on Thursday; these three days were well contested on both sides. The ladies shot till dinner-time on Wednesday and Thursday; they made a very beautiful appearance, and the whole was a sight truly elegant. The Archers and company were very much satisfied with

[1] There does not appear to have been any regular meeting of the Woodmen at Meriden in September 1795.

the spot of ground, which they have taken for seven years. The Annual Meeting will be held the first Monday in every July in future, and is expected to be as numerous and splendid as any similar one in England. The gentlemen and ladies breakfasted and dined in their booth every day, and the gentlemen Archers continued shooting till nine o'clock at night. Among the most expert archers were the Earl of Aylesford, Lord Grey de Wilton, Sir Nigel Gresley, Thackeray, Palmer, Travis, Tippin, Walker, Moland, Dilke, Hindley, Adderley, and Starkey, Esqs. Miss Curzon was the Lady Patroness of the meeting.

The number of casts got by each Archer during the whole match were as under:—

Lancashire Bowmen.		*Woodmen of Arden.*	
Lord Grey de Wilton,	14	Earl of Aylesford,	12
Mr Thackeray,	37	Mr T. Palmer,	13
Mr Walker,	16	Mr W. Palmer,	18
Mr Travis,	14	Mr Repington,	12
	81		55

—From Aris Birmingham Gazette, July 11, 1791.

It does not appear that any public record is preserved of the proceedings in 1792, although Hansard's 'Book of Archery' states that at a meeting in July of that year a silver bow was shot for at a distance of 100 yards by the gentlemen of the United Society of Bowmen; while in the diary of Mr Digby (of Meriden Hall) occurs this entry: "July 3 to 7.—Archery meeting at Hagley. Mr Thackeray won Silver Bow." (Hagley, which adjoins Rugeley, was then the seat of Lord Curzon.)

A little volume of regulations for these meetings, from the title-page of which the vignette on title is taken, gives some curious details and names of interest.

PRESENT STATE OF THE SOCIETY of the UNITED WOODMEN OF ARDEN, BROUGHTON ARCHERS, and the LANCASHIRE BOWMEN. The first meeting held on Cannock Chace was on Monday, July 4, 1791. The second meeting is to begin July 2, 1792.

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1791.

Present—A. Curzon, Mayor; Earl of Aylesford; Ed. Finch; R. Moland; S. Adams; Sir R. Lawley, Bart.; C. B. Adderley; Wris. Digby; W. Little; J. W. Knightly; F. Fetherston; W. Dilke; Charles Dilke; J. Thackeray; Tho. Palmer; J. Sedgwick; H. Arden; Lord Grey de Wilton; Sir N. Gresley, Bart.; T. Starkie; R. Gorton; G. Walker; Matt. Travis; Gamaliel Jones; Jas. Hardman; R. Hindley; S. Clowes; J. Dixon; Jos. Tipping; T. Tipping; Ch. Ed. Repington; William Palmer; J. Beeston; J. Arrowsmith.

STATE, &c.

The following Resolutions were proposed and agreed to by the forementioned gentlemen:—

1. That this meeting be confined to the Woodmen of Arden, the Broughton Archers, and the Lancashire Bowmen.

2. That none but members of the above Societies be allowed to shoot at the butts. Ladies excepted.

3. That Assheton Curzon, Esq., be perpetual Treasurer, and the Rev. Mr Inge, Chaplain and Secretary to the meeting, and be considered as Honorary Members.

4. That Miss Curzon be the Lady Patroness of this Society.

5. That thanks be given to the Earl of Uxbridge for his great politeness and readiness to accommodate the meeting with ground for the erection of butts; and that his lordship and family be elected Honorary Members, with the privilege of becoming members whenever any of them may wish so to do.

FRIDAY, JULY 8.

Present—The Mayor; The Chaplain; The Earl of Aylesford; Lord Grey de Wilton; Mr Repington; Mr W. Palmer; Mr Tho. Palmer; Mr Dixon; Mr Finch; Mr Thackeray; Mr R. Adderley.

1. Agreed and resolved that all subscribers to this meeting of the United Archers shall pay the ordinary of 2s. per day from Monday the 5th of July 1792, to Friday in the same week, inclusive.

2. That all those who have already subscribed to this meeting, if they object to the above rule, are at liberty to withdraw their subscription.

3. That no money be received upon any pretence for admission into the ground during the Archers' meeting, and that any constable or person employed by the Society who breaks this rule be immediately discharged.

4. That no person be admitted but at the front gate.

5. That none be admitted to the Archers' Booth at dinner but members and those producing tickets signed by the Mayor or Secretary.

6. That only ten tickets be issued for each day, and that no member be allowed more than two tickets the same day.

7. That no person be admitted into the Ladies' Booth but those who are invited by the ladies.

8. That the Secretaries (of the respective Societies which constitute this meeting) be requested to send to the Mayor or Secretary of the United Bowmen the number of persons subscribing to this meeting one month before it begins.

9. That two butts at the distance of eight roods be made for the ladies.

10. That five guineas over and above his other allowance be given to Richard Walker for stakes to fence the butts.

N.B.—At the next meeting in July 1792, a Silver Bow is to be shot for at the distance of 100 yards by the gentlemen of the United Society of Bowmen. And a Medal by the ladies at the distance of 60 yards.

DODD'S 'BALLADS OF ARCHERY.'

Among the guests entertained at the Forest Hall, August 24, 1789, appears the name of the Rev. James William Dodd, a Kentish Bowman, who held the post of second Usher of Westminster School. Jemmy Dodd, as the Westminster boys styled him, seems to have been of a convivial turn, with a pretty knack for parody and rhyme, rather than original poetry. On the title-page of his little volume, published in 1818 under the title of 'Ballads of Archery,' stands the characteristic motto from Ascham's 'Toxophilus'—

"Both merie songes and good shootinge delighteth Apollo;"

and in his preface he feelingly refers to the old author of the 'Toxophilus' as "his predecessor in *bowmanry* and *scholastic drudgery*." What circumstances induced him, after so long an interval, to pub-

lish the ditties written for the festive meetings of a defunct Society, are not stated; but the volume derives an additional interest from being illustrated with pretty little woodcuts, the work of a Worcestershire gentleman, the late Sir Edmund Lechmere, then at school at Westminster. It is also accompanied by tunes to several of the ballads, which no doubt were chanted in the Forest Hall to the delight of the Woodmen of that day.

He died in the same year (1818) in which his poems were published, aged fifty-seven, and is commemorated by a monument in the east cloister of Westminster Abbey.

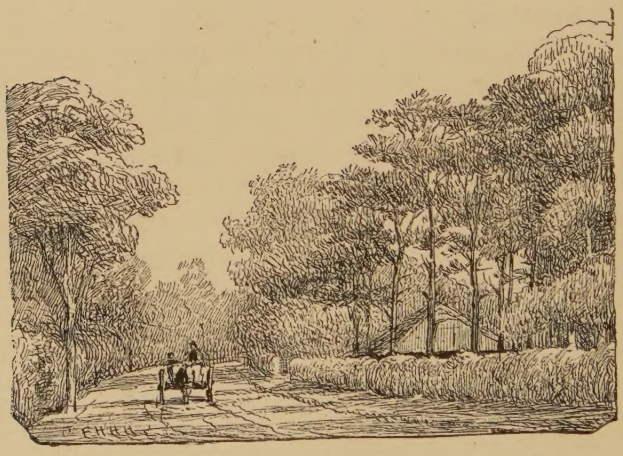
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTE-BOOK OF THE TOXOPHILITE SOCIETY.

Extra Target, 26th July 1839.—After dinner (an incessant rain fell throughout the day, and it was found impossible to proceed with the shooting; nevertheless the medals were awarded) the Chairman, W. B. Agot, Esq., V. P., called the attention of the meeting to an infraction of Rule 29 (prohibiting the practice of any game or pastime except archery within the Society's grounds), which had been committed in the course of the day by three members present at table, inasmuch as he, the said Chairman, had been a witness to Captain J. N. Orton, Messrs R. O. Binson and Wood Ruffe, actively engaged in a certain diversion commonly known under the name of *pitch-and-toss,* under the very porch of the Society's Lodge.

Motion made and question put,—That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have cause to put in effect the power of fine vested in them by Rule 12. Members divided,—Ayes 8; Noes 3. Whereupon such of the Committee as were present—Mr Chairman, V.P., Mr Treasurer, the Hon. D. F. Inch, Mr Secretary, Glen F. Layson, Esq., Mr Sub-Treasurer, H. P. R. Menter, Esq., and S. Green Kinsen, Esq.—deliberated. Motion made by Mr Treasurer and question put,—That the delinquents be each fined in the sum of half-a-crown. Amendment proposed by Mr Secretary,—That the Chairman be further requested to admonish the transgressors in a manner suitable to the very great gravity of the offence. At this point information was conveyed to the Committee that the Chairman had throughout acted as umpire in the illegal pastime in question, and therefore was *particeps criminis* by giving advice,

opinions, and decisions on sundry critical points of the play. The Chairman in some sort admitted the charge. Mr Secretary's amendment (with leave) immediately withdrawn. Motion of Mr Treasurer also (with leave) withdrawn, and the following substituted, and question put,—That the members infractors of Rule 29 be fined 1s. each, and the Chairman 2s. 6d. Agreed to. The Sub-Treasurer was instructed to collect the fines, which were forthwith duly paid.

(The names above given will be easily read as Bagot, Norton, Robinson, Woodruffe, D. Finch, Glen Finlayson, H. Parmenter, and S. Green Wilkinson.)



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